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What is the future for Cadoxton House after third fire in four years?

CADOXTON HOUSE in Barry has suffered its third fire in just four years.

At 4pm on Sunday afternoon, April 26, firefighters tackled a blaze on the first floor in the middle of the building.

A fire service spokesman said: "Three fire engines went to the scene, two from Barry and one from Ely.

"There were also two water bowers used.

"We had to use a hydraulic platform because the fire was on the first floor with smoke coming out of the windows.

"It spread to the roof and we had to force entry. In all, it took two and a half hours to put the fire out."

Local resident Patricia Ireland said it was frustrating for the local community to see the building falling prey to a succession of fires, and neglect.

Patricia said: "The total lack of attention by the local council has left this valuable community asset at risk for years.

"Its value, which must once have been in the hundreds of thousands, has now gone up in smoke – literally.

"When is the council going to act in respect of this building?

"Surely, options to sell it should be considered? "It is a grotesque legacy of what must previously have been a beautiful local landmark.

"The council must take responsibility and take action."

Patricia moved to the area four years ago when the building still had a purpose.

by TIM CHAPMAN



Firefighters tackle the latest blaze at Cadoxton House – its third in four years.

PHOTOGRAPH by PATRICIA IRELAND

"At that time it was put to good use as an arts centre, but since it closed, there have been three fires and it has fallen into disrepair.

"Local residents would like to see the council do something with it. If they can't, maybe they should sell it to someone who can."

In previous fires, out-buildings and a verandah have been destroyed, and the latest blaze has caused more damage to the interior.

Residents frequently see youngsters going in and out of the grounds of the house.

By pure coincidence, an officers' report to the Vale cabinet this month outlines the council's options in providing a future for the building.

One option is to sell the site on the open market – which could mean a developer looking at renovating it for flats.

The second more likely option is that a grant will be sought and it will become a 'one-stop shop' for domestic abuse and substance misuse advice and services.

The report concludes: "It is proposed that the council should seek to work with the Safer Vale Partnership and authorise the director of legal, public protection and housing to bid for and accept, if successful, Welsh Assembly substance misuse and domestic abuse grants to establish a multi-agency 'one-stop shop'."

Milk theft from store in Ewenny

VALE police are investigating the theft of an entire delivery of milk from outside the village post office of Ewenny in the early hours of April 24.

A police spokesman said that it was believed that the theft took place shortly after delivery, between 2.35am and 3am.

If anyone has any information they should telephone Sgt Paul Revers at Cowbridge Police Station, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Network Rail defends 'essential work' Island traders' anger over no bank holiday trains

by TIM CHAPMAN

NETWORK RAIL has defended its decision to carry out "essential maintenance work" on the track between Cardiff and Barry Island over the May Day bank holiday which could lead to a drop in visitor numbers.

The work will start on Saturday, May 2, and ends on Monday, May 4.

Island traders are angry that a peak trading weekend could suffer a drop in day trippers because of the lack of trains.

A Network Rail spokeswoman said: "We apologise for any inconvenience, but a connecting bus service to the island will be provided.

"We are working on four successive weekends to do £750,000 worth of upgrading on the track.

"The track is used by freight as well as passenger services, which means there is a lot of wear and tear.

"Over the bank holiday, work will be going on 24 hours a day so that we can return the track to normal use for commuters on Tuesday.

"We have huge constraints on doing work on weekdays and planning an appropriate time is a very considered process. We planned this 18 months ago.

"The work is to make the line more reliable, and in the long term is for the good of passengers."

Gary Harris, the manager of Finnegan's Inn, who has worked on Barry Island for 25 years, said traders couldn't believe it when they heard the train service would not be running.

"It's absolutely ridiculous! You get 52 people on a bus, how many can you get on a train – 150?"

"Then there's the extra congestion it is going to cause."

"At certain times over a bank holiday it can be gridlock, around 2pm and 3pm, and now we're talking about more vehicles on the road."

"Bank holidays are very important for traders on the Island because we make good money to make up for the quiet times."

Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in Barry, said that during very busy weekends, and particularly over this bank holiday, the Vale Council should have contingency plans in place.

He said: "They should consider using the headland as an overspill car park to cope with extra visitors arriving on the Island by car."

Vale AM Jane Hutt expressed her concern at Network Rail's decision to carry the work out over the May Day bank holiday.

She said: "I cannot understand why this decision has been made by Network Rail."

"While I fully appreciate the importance of making repairs, and maintaining and upgrading track, I think it is extraordinary that they have chosen to do so when passenger numbers to Barry Island are likely to be much higher."

"I am writing to Network Rail to express my concerns and to ask them to ensure this situation does not arise in future."

Sudden death

POLICE are investigating the sudden death of a 25-year-old man from the Barry area on Monday (April 27).

"There appear to be no suspicious circumstances and a file is being prepared for the coroner," a spokesman reported.

Vale widow (82) in vigil for son in coma

AN 82-year-old widow is at the bedside of her son, who was gunned down arriving for work in the Bahamas.

Mrs Mildred Jones, from Peterston-super-Ely had only moved out to live with her son Hywel (55) in December. He had converted a room in his home for her, as she had mobility problems.

Mr Jones, a high-flying banker, was shot in the back of the head.



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Our photograph shows Mrs Kay Griffiths of the Sunshine Club with her daughter Ruby receiving 20 chocolate eggs and two knitted eggs from Mrs Carole Cox of WA Brown & Son.

Forty four additional eggs, plus a knitted one, were given to the Salvation Army to distribute to needy children of the area.

WA Brown & Son, Llantwit Major

Garden theft

I HOPE the family of the young person who picked grape hyacinths and red tulips from my front garden, in Llantwit Major on Sunday April 10, at about 5.30pm, enjoyed them as much as I had hoped to.

It is sad to think we cannot even grow flowers now without them being stolen.
BK Wilkins, Llantwit Major.

Crossroads day centre is vital

I KNOW there has been much coverage in the media regarding the possible closure of Bryneithin, but with less emphasis on the annexe day centre run by Crossroads in the Vale (EMI) Ltd.

I am fortunate in that my husband is able to go there one day a week (with excellent care given by Red Cross, Barry Island the other

four).

Last Monday, I went to collect him and was struck by the beauty of the surroundings. Birdsong filled the air and the trees and primroses all combined to make for a relaxing atmosphere.

Day centres are not just there to give carers free time – many of us have our own health problems and other sick or elderly relatives needing our attention.

They also provide stimulation to our loved

ones and engage them in many varied activities to suit an individual's capabilities.

This care continues through the weekend and Bank Holidays if required, at Bryneithin.

Crossroads offer a first class service to clients and us carers also, as we often feel

lonely and isolated.

Many more such facilities will be needed in years to come – as the Alzheimer's time bomb ticks away.

To lose both the care home and day centre would be a disaster.

Jill Silvester,
Rhoose

'Spend footpath cash on services'

MY husband and I regularly enjoy walking the Llantwit Major beach path all year round and have no complaints until you reach the ugly mess of the beach.

We believe that if people want to walk the beach footpath, they will continue to do so.

We think £390,000 would be much better spent on re-opening the

Llantwit Major ambulance service station, providing a regular police service, or putting our own doctors back on out-of-hours service.

All of these services should be provided on a full-time basis to our town and surrounding areas of the Vale.

Also, we feel regular policing on our streets is needed to enforce the law against those responsible for the litter and dog mess bags.
Mr and Mrs Clark,
Llantwit Major

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters should include an address and contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters brief and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

DRINKS BAN ON BARRY ISLAND IS A SIGN OF AN INTERFERING STATE!

TUCKED away towards the back of The GEM of April 2 was a Vale Council public notice that, by the end of the month, sizable areas, and in particular Barry Island, would have a drink ban imposed.

In effect, a cold beer or glass of wine on the beach would be illegal. In principle the ability to ban drinking under the Criminal Justice & Police Act 2001 (and specific legislation 2007) is to prevent anti-social behaviour and I see little reason for anybody to booze it up in the high street or in a church yard.

However, as a resident of Barry Island, anti-social drinking does not seem to be a problem.

Under-18s can be found on occasion drinking beer but not actually in any of the designated areas and the confiscation of alcohol Act 1997 covers this, anyway.

The nature of the ban does not appear to follow the guidelines set out in the 2001/2007 Act, which determines that there must be a need, because of anti-social behaviour.

As I understand it, the proposal has to go to the Home Office to be approved and I presume evidence for a problem needs to be presented – but I fail to see what they could present.

According to council minutes, it states that the police support a ban, but there are plenty of other laws – ranging from 1872-1964-2003

Licensing Acts, Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, Criminal Justice Act 1967, as well as the

range of anti-social measures to target problem and anti-social drinking.

But simply drinking in public places is not against the law or an excuse to introduce the CJ&P Act.

Apart from the fact that it is a blanket ban, and that there appears to be a lack of need (at least on Barry Island) my other concern is that I will no longer be able to have a picnic on any beach that includes a cold beer or bottle of wine.

In fact, I know of nowhere in the world (where drinking is permitted) that such a ban exists, and I am not sure why I am being penalised.

If there is the case that pubs are causing a drink problem on the beach, then the Violent Crime Reduction Act does a much better job of tackling the issue.

This lazy blanket ban serves no-one and is another example of an interfering state.

I know there are problems with drinking, (this has been a British problem since Agincourt!) but to demonise all drinking is not responsible.

No doubt the Vale will point to police recommendations as a reason for introducing the ban, but the point about not having a police state is that the police serve the community.

Apparently there are late night parties on the beach which sound rather jolly and something I thought was everyone's right.

The anti-rave legislation covers organised parties, and anti-social parties are covered by anti-litter laws and a host of criminal justice Acts.

My other issue is public consultation: The law only requires a 28-day notice in the local paper (page 38 of The GEM) and although representation can be made, there seems little mechanism to oppose it.

Jules Bywater-Lees,
Barry

● WE welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 7)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15–20 minutes earlier.

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30 Thur	11.33	13.3	23.47	13.2
01 Fri			12.31	13.0
02 Sat	00.53	12.8	13.34	12.6
03 Sun	01.58	12.6	14.42	12.4
04 Mon	03.12	12.8	15.57	12.8
05 Tues	04.31	13.2	16.59	13.6
06 Wed	05.32	13.7	17.59	13.8
07 Thur	06.19	14.0	18.38	14.0

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01495 249522/01446 740522

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Barry Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry CF63 4SX. 01446 730704.

MP & AM'S SURGERY TIMES

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To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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Gas – Gas emergency number 0800 111999.

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Trading Standards Consumer Advice Centre – Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry; hours of opening for telephone enquiries – Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-5pm; Friday 8.30am-4.30pm on 01446 709105. For personal visits, Monday to Thursday 9am-4.30pm. Friday 9am-4pm. Recycling Hotline - 02920 673000.

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Police hunt Barry burglars

BARRY police are investigating a burglary at a house in the Cadoc area in the early hours of Monday, April 20.

Items taken included: Two Sony handycams, Olympus digital camera, Nokia 6230 mobile telephone and a Sony Nav-U, satellite navigation system.

Detective Constable Natalie Bateman of Barry CID said: "Police are appealing for information, or witnesses with regard to this incident."

Contact DC Natalie Bateman at Barry CID on 01446 731606, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

'Dr Bob' steps down as the High Street traders' chair

BOB ARM-STRONG, of Dr Bob's Balloons, has stepped down as chairman of High Street traders after four years.

He told The GEM: "I thought it was the right time to make the decision

because I have other important commitments, and I also spend time away on the Continent on events connected to my business."

The new chairman is Tony Hopkins of the family butcher Vic Hopkins & Son.

Bob said that there had

Police appeal after burglary

POLICE are investigating a burglary at a house in the Illtyd area between 10.30am and 5.30pm on Monday, April 27.

During the incident at Lon Fferm Felin, Barry, the thieves took two wrist watches, a Dolce &

Gabbana lady's watch and an Armani gent's watch.

Detective Constable Rebecca Merchant of Barry CID said: "We are appealing for any information regarding this crime."

"The street where this crime occurred is adjacent to fields which lead to Porthkerry country park and surrounding open countryside."

"There are frequently dog walkers and others in this area during the day who may have witnessed something."

"I would also appeal to anyone who is approached to purchase a Dolce & Gabbana lady's watch or a man's Armani watch to contact the police."

Contact DC Rebecca Merchant at Barry CID on 01446 731606, or anonymously via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

'Rhoose Point decision not unanimous' - Labour group

THE Labour members of the scrutiny committee that endorsed the current action being taken by Vale Council officers at Rhoose Point, have made it clear that they did not support that endorsement.

The meeting, and The GEM report last week, generated a response in our letters pages (See pages 6 and 18).

Coun Mark Wilson told The GEM: "None of the Labour members supported that decision. We are concerned that the Vale Council is asking for a blank cheque

to sort out problems

"What is more, we wanted a recorded vote, so that people could see who had backed the idea, but that was also defeated by the Conservatives on the committee."

MORE CCTV ARRESTS

CCTV working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership assisted with 11 arrests in the week to April 26.

CCTV contacted the police on 33 occasions, with two drug-related arrests taking place on Holton Road (one possession of drugs, one supply of drugs (April 20); assault on police, (Windsor Road,

Penarth, April 21); possession of a bladed article (Dunlin Court, Barry, April 24) and drunk in charge of a vehicle (Broad Street, Barry, April 25).

Other arrests related to criminal damage to vehicles (two persons, Kingsland Crescent, Barry, April 25).

In addition, two people were arrested for theft on Thompson Street, Barry on April 26.

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High Street Traders praise standard of school competition entries

HIGH Street Traders at Barry have praised the "high standard" of entries in their recent schools competition.

A spokeswoman said: "High Street Traders would like to thank the many wonderful entries, and Cubanas, who hosted the Easter bonnet parade and also helped with the awards afterwards. Overall, it was a successful event!"



Winners of the colouring competition: Seren Ruge-Edwards, Romilly Primary School, (age 6) and Jack Long, St Baruc (age 5) who were both placed first. Presenting the awards are Jon Milsom of MJM Computers and Barrie Cook, manager of Cubanas.



Ashley Cox, and Barrie Cook and Emma Robinson, both aged nine, from All Saints Primary School won the award for the Alice in Wonderland wordsearch competition. Barrie Cook presented the prize. Richard Patterson, also manager of Cubanas, assisted in the award, but was not in the photograph.

WEAVING WORKSHOP

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meet on Saturday, May 9, at 10am-4pm, for a self-help workshop – a continuation of last month's tapestry evening.

There will also be a discussion on ways in which recycled materials can be used in weaving and spinning at the Scout Hall, Dinas Powys. Visitors welcome. For further information, telephone Jean Roberts on 02920 627326.

WI table top sale

WENVOE WI host a spring table top sale at the Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe, on Saturday, May 9, at 10.30am-2noon.

WI cake stall, plants, woodcraft, bric-a-brac and a raffle (part proceeds to Air Ambulance Wales). Admission £1, includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

NEWS FROM THE 372 (BARRY) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

Training and fun in equal measure at Cyprus camp

CADET Warrant Officer (Caz) Bradley (18) of 372 Squadron has recently returned from an exciting two-week camp at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus.

Caz was selected to represent No 1 Welsh Wing and joined a group of 120 Air Cadets from around the United Kingdom.

The camp programme was varied with a mixture of training and fun. The training included live firing of weapons, flying in the Griffin helicopter, navigation exercises in the Troodos

mountains, section visits, team building exercises, visits to the Red Arrows (while preparing for their forthcoming summer displays) and an explosives demonstration.

The fun and relaxation included water sports, beach games and 10 pin bowling as well sightseeing and shopping visits to Nicosia and Paphos.

Caz enjoyed the whole experience, commenting: "It was a brilliant camp and it was great to meet Air Cadets from other parts of the United Kingdom."

Caz has been a member of 372 Squadron for six years and has experienced many exciting and challenging experiences including aerobatic flying in the agile Grob Tutor aircraft; living firing various weapons and is currently working towards completing her Duke of Edinburgh Gold award.

The 372 Squadron attends annual camps at RAF stations around the UK where Cadets have the opportunity of seeing the Royal Air Force at work.

Furthermore, Air Cadets enjoy many activities and opportunities, including flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, team building exercises, expeditions, visits and field craft training and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme expeditions.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall); contact the squadron on 01446 747734, or email 372@aircadets.org for more information.



Caz in front of a helicopter.



Caz Bradley.

Barry Legion wings out to Yeovilton

PICTURED are members of the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion, who recently went on an outing to the Fleet Air Arm museum, Yeovilton, Somerset. This was followed by a buffet lunch at the Fleet branch of the British Legion.



Kidnapped in Georgia-Peter's terrifying tale

Barry Men's Forum last week welcomed Peter Shaw, who related his experience of being kidnapped in Georgia.

Peter had worked in Georgia for six years, in a financial and banking business, and was about to return to the UK.

Whilst driving his car through Tbilisi, he was stopped by a policeman and immediately struck to the face.

His car was quickly surrounded by 'false' police and soldiers.

This was the start of

his 141 days of captivity, during which time he endured beatings and long periods in solitary confinement, in cramped and atrocious conditions.

Peter's account of his awful time in captivity was tinged with humour, a measure of the Welshman from Maesteg.

His eventual release, on payment of a substan-

tial sum in dollars, left him thankful to be able to enjoy the ordinary things in life.

Barry Men's final Speaker this session, on April 30 is Dr Russell Thompson. His subject is Antarctica over 50 years.

We, then reconvene on Thursday October 1. Peter Westcott

Barrivale Bridge

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge:

April 7 - 1st Celia Thomas and Huw Thomas, 60.32%; =2nd Denis Mottram and Mick Green, 56.35%; =2nd Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond, 56.35%.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.



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Barry Camera Club's annual awards evening



BARRY Camera Club held its annual dinner and awards night last Friday at The Six Bells Inn, Penmark, when 47 members and guests attended.

The judge was Mike Davies ARPS, who was accompanied by his wife. Mike Davies started by saying how, as a child, it had been a magical experience to visit Barry Island on a day out from the Welsh Valleys where he lived, and trying to be the first child to spot the sea as the train neared the coastline.

To him at that time, Barry was the centre of the world – to which a few members declared "it still is!"

There were over 150 entries for the various sections of the competition from a good proportion of the club members. *The results were as follows:*

Monochrome print

Class 1, Hansen Cup

for landscape or seascape print: Highly commended – Under The Bridge by Barbra Archdale-Smith; Winner – Sunday Leisure Time by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

Class 2, TJ Lewis Cup for portrait print: Winner – Tara by Mark Lowen.

Class 3, Major Arthur Hammond Cup for miscellaneous print: Highly commended – Sleeping on the Monument by Curtis Fowler; Winner – Zebras Crossing by Curtis Fowler.

Colour print

Class 4, Jill Nicola Rose Bowl for landscape or seascape print: Highly commended – Bird's Eye View by John Harvey; Balloon over the Vineyard by Jane Humphry; Winner – Winter in the Beacons by Cathy Edwards.

Class 5, President's Trophy for portrait print: Highly commended – Cyan's St David's Day by Brian Trego; Woman in Red by Curtis Fowler; Winner – Sienna by Mark Lowen.

Class 6, AM Dimond Trophy for miscella-

neous print: Highly commended – Tulip Display by Hugh Winnan; Window Light by Brian Trego; A Feast of Fish by Curtis Fowler; Winner – Becky Falls by Neil Latham.

Projected image

Class 7, Paul Trophy for landscape or seascape projected image: Winner – Hawes Tree by Brian Trego.

Class 8, Cliff Dimond Trophy for projected image portrait: Highly Commended – Dark Thoughts by Neil Latham; Winner – Valentine by Mark Lowen.

Class 9, Dan Evans Trophy for miscellaneous projected image: Highly Commended – Sisters by Jean Harvey; Winner – In the Mist by Brian Trego.

Richard Hopkins Shield for best monochrome print: Zebras Crossing by Curtis Fowler.

Randall Cox Trophy for best colour print: Becky Falls by Neil Latham.

Projected Image of the year trophy:

PICTURED left to right: Cathy Edward, Barbra Archdale-Smith (chairwoman), David Hunt, Mike Davies, Neil Latham and Curtis Fowler.

Valentine by Mark Lowen.

The best overall submissions judged by Mike Davies were those entered by Curtis Fowler, for whom special congratulations were accorded.

During the course of the club year, the cumulative results of the monthly competition were as follows:

Monochrome Print: 3rd, Mark Lowen; 2nd, Curtis Fowler; 1st, John Harvey.

Colour Print: 3rd, John Harvey; 2nd, Brian Trego; 1st equal, Mark Lowen, Curtis Fowler.

Projected Image: 3rd, Curtis Fowler; 2nd, Neil Latham; 1st, Mark Lowen.

The final award by the judge was to David Hunt, a member for 57 years.

The award was in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Barry Camera Club over this period. In addition to his photographic skills, he has also made many items for the club which are regularly in use today. David received a very warm round of applause from fellow club members.

Chairwoman Barbra Archdale-Smith thanked Mike Davies for his helpful and considered comments on the winners this year, and for helping to make the evening such a success.

She said that current membership had risen to nearly 50 and hoped that this showed the club was doing many of the right things to encourage photographers to join.

She then reminded members that all the prints submitted for the competition will be on show this Friday (May 1) at the St Francis Millennium Centre in Barry, for the penultimate meeting this session.

The final meeting will be the AGM on Friday, May 8, which all members are encouraged to attend.

HUGH WINNAN

IMPS' CAR WASH

CADOXTON IMPS under-10s football team are holding a car wash at Barry Fire Station, at 10am on Saturday, May 9.

Funds raised will be used to support the upcoming tour to Fuerteventura, Canary Islands, where they will be playing against two local football teams in June 2009.

Cinema group fear the Theatre Royal may now slip through their grasp

A CAMPAIGN by the Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) to reopen Barry's Theatre Royal big screen has been thwarted – for now at least.

For more than a year, SOCA has attempted to negotiate with the owner of the site Mr Bob Phillips, in the hope that the town's last cinema would once more entertain the public.

Those hopes look more distant than ever, as Bob Armstrong, the chairman of SOCA explained:

"We thought we could come to an arrangement and made every possible effort, but feel we have been ignored.

"It's a let down and a disappointment that there hasn't been the courtesy to keep in touch with us."

Since the cinema closed 13 months ago, campaigners have feared the site could become a block of flats.

Mr Armstrong went on: "We now believe that a housing association is interested in developing the area.

"If that does happen, there will be a lot of unhappy people in Barry.

"More than 10,000 people signed our petition backing a future for the cinema – it's been like the strength of feeling on the Cemetery Approach issue."

The GEM asked the Vale Council whether the site was subject to a planning application for flats.

The Vale's head of planning and transportation, Rob Thomas, said: "We have had no formal submissions relating to this site.

"I understand that surveys have taken place, although this is a matter for the owner of the site.

"In the event of a formal submission, the council will undertake consultation on any proposals, prior to making a determination."

Mr Phillips, the owner of the site, was unavailable for comment.

Historical centre-piece to community sensory garden

A COLLIERY cart will be the main feature of the Thompson Street estate sensory garden in Barry.

A community spokeswoman explained: "We have just purchased the cart and the reason that it is going to be a feature is because of the historical connection that Barry has to the min-

ing industry.

"We're even hoping to acquire a genuine rail track on which it will be mounted – the cart will then be used as a container to house seasonal plants.

"Avian Community Business will be commencing the layout of pathways and put in place curb edging, prior to the laying of tarmac pathways."



ABOVE: Thompson Street volunteers with the colliery cart which will house seasonal plants.

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What a difference a year makes!

A YEAR ago, there were to be sports facilities sited in our immediate vicinity.

While not ideal, this was absolutely nothing compared with the latest proposal to drive a road through the countryside, destroying the meadows and fields from the middle of the Llantwit Major bypass to Eglwys Brevis Road.

The road would start from 169 new houses and end at 142 new houses - 10 metres wide with 30 foot lamp posts to pollute the night sky, and denying direct access to the Eglwys Brevis Road.

It is a construction that comes within 90 yards of our properties and which every single resident at Millands Park is opposed to.

We had over a year to think about the sports facilities. Planning permission is being sought in early May for this 'slight' change in planning.

Bill and Annabel Aspinall, Llanmaes

Rhoose Point: 'The plans were flawed from the outset'

FOR those unfamiliar with the Rhoose Point saga, spend a moment thinking what goodies the Vale Council expected from the "award-winning development".

The clues are in the section 106 agreement, a contract between the developers and the council, drafted and signed by the council, so we have to assume it is what someone at the council wanted 13 years ago (though they may deny this now).

Aside from nearly 600 houses, the council wanted: Industrial units; a nine-hole golf course; a golf club house; a sports field; sports field changing rooms; a nature reserve information centre.

From this list, the council has got absolutely nothing. Except for the houses. You always get those.

So why was the council unable to robustly enforce their own agreement? Because they had failed to supervise the planning and construction of the estate infrastructure.

It was clear in 1994, two years before construction began, that Welsh Water would not adopt the ponds that are such a feature of Rhoose Point.

The plans were flawed from the outset, and it is no surprise that the infrastructure could not be adopted.

You do not negotiate with those who have failed to live up to their side of a contract. You take them to court.

Unable to threaten the developer Cofon with legal action, the council's negotiating position was so weak that the council was forced to adopt the 'tactic' of

granting further housing development on the land allocated for employment.

The only reason Cofon was still talking to the council was because Cofon was waiting to develop a further housing estate in the fields between Rhoose Point and Fontygary.

Will these fields, allocated for the golf course, and currently enjoyed by all the residents of Rhoose, be transferred to the council, or will the land be sold by the administrators to the next property speculator?

I am glad that the council officers can still take a positive line in their reports to councillors, despite the evidence of 13 years of failure.

If they choose to remove the rose tinted spectacles, they will see that what the Vale is about to acquire from the corpse of Cofon is some inadequately-capped asbestos and a massive liability.

As for the "significant administration costs" because of the "demands of a very small number of residents", I am glad that at least two people who were ignored and belittled have, with patience, and at great personal cost, peeled away the layers of red-tape, double-speak, omission and evasion to uncover the truth.

If the council had done its job adequately in the first instance, residents would not have to become amateur experts on planning and land drainage.

I shall work that little bit harder knowing my extra council taxes will help to keep those responsible for this mess writing more reports for the next 13 years.

Andrew Bailey, Rhoose

For more letters turn to pages 2, 10 and 18.

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The pros and the cons of a biomass plant at Barry docks

WE recently attended a public meeting organised by the Labour councillors for Castletand, Pam Drake and Chris Elmore, and would like to make the following comments.

A small presentation was given by the planning consultant for the developers, Sunrise Renewables Limited, of a site at the docks, and also the inventors of the gasification and burning system that is to be used there, who explained how the system would work and operate.

Unfortunately for all of the residents present and the other councillors representing Cadoc, Buttrills and Baruc, most of their questions could not be answered.

No representative from Sunrise Renewables Limited bothered to turn up and face the residents' concerns and fears about the proposed development.

EU targets will see councils fined over landfill waste

I READ with interest your report in The GEM, entitled 'Power plant opposition grows'.

I also read the report in the same issue entitled 'Commercial waste charges increase by 10 per cent'.

I live not very far from both planning proposals that are being sought by the respective companies, attended both public meetings held at the Mount Sorrel Hotel and listened to both sides of the argument.

Mr Christian Reeve, chief executive officer of Biogenpower, put the following points across at the meeting: "One of the benefits of our proposal is that it is sustainable and economic, over the medium to longer term."

"By gasifying wastes, we save fossil fuels and reduce waste disposal costs. We are also able to produce non fossil fuel energy. Landfill tax alone reaches £48 per tonne next year, and is set to continue to increase."

"Tipping costs are increasing, too, as operational costs at landfill

and this showed a complete lack of consideration and contempt on their part.

They claimed that the plant had to be sited on Woodham Road so that the by-product of 'heat' could be used locally for heating homes or businesses, but they could not say where or when this would happen.

It was obvious that this was simply an excuse and a ploy to try and make it sound attractive and a positive proposal, and that an alternative like Atlantic Trading Estate was not viable.

The planning consultant representing Sunrise did his best to allay the fears of the residents, but this really was no substitute for having the expert knowledge about the proposed development there.

A further meeting with Sunrise was demanded by everyone before the planning application is presented to the Planning Committee, but we

doubt that will happen.

This biomass wood burning plant, although from the answers given may be technologically sound, could still cause concern in other environmental ways, such as noise and transport issues.

It should not be sited so close to residential properties and should be moved elsewhere to a more suitable location.

Anne and Neil Moore (Labour councillors for Cadoc)

Sunrise Renewables Limited told The GEM:

FIRSTLY, we would like to make it clear that Sunrise Renewables Ltd organised the public meeting, not councillors Pamela Drake or Chris Elmore, at the Best Western Hotel on April 15. Sunrise Renewables booked a room and catering to accommodate 150 people.

David Heath, the chairman of Sunrise Renewables Ltd, would like to add: "We're dedicated to providing biomass renewable energy to small scale communities across the UK."

"Our proposed plant would generate 9MW of power, enough to provide localised heat and energy for circa 15,000 homes in Barry, and complement the overall regeneration of the area. The new plant would also create 25 permanent jobs."

"The Welsh Assembly is leading the way in renewable energy and is looking to gain 20 per cent of its energy from biomass by 2020. We are

keen to help the Assembly meet its targets, and to help create greener environments for the people of Wales."

"The UK government is also eager to invest in green technologies, which could help us out of recession."

"We want to liaise with the people of Barry about our proposed biomass plant at Woodham Road, Barry, that's why we organised a public meeting. To maximise publicity about the event we placed advertisements in two local newspapers, including the Glamorgan GEM, which has a circulation of more than 40,000."

The meeting attracted 32 people and six people requested further information about the proposals.

"At the meeting, a list of people who requested further information was gained, and although we issued an extensive FAQ list at the meeting, we created a further FAQ document answering their further concerns; this has been sent to all interested parties via letter or email."

"Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we were unable to attend the meeting, but we did send representatives in our place, from our planning consultancy and our biomass technology partner. The planning and technology specialists are the experts at why we've chosen the Woodham Road site and concerns over noise and transport issues."

"We are keen to liaise with the people of Barry and we would be more than happy to hear their views. They can contact us direct at greenenergy@bigwavepr.co.uk and we will respond individually to anyone's concerns."

Cattle pews and lumps of concrete

I WRITE with reference to the replacement 'Kissing Gate' allowing access onto the meadows from Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major.

I must agree with the objections of local residents who liken the new gates to cattle pens that, along with the lumps of concrete inside the gates, prove no thought or valid discussion relevant to the natural beauty of this area was taken into consideration by a small group of people who obviously have no expertise in this area.

Since this meadow is within the heritage and conservation area, surely some time, thought and effort should have been given to either repairing the existing gates or having replicas manufactured?

It is also to be hoped that the new footpath will not be an unsightly strip of concrete defacing these beautiful natural meadows.

Coun RH Austin, Llantwit Major

Military police and Llantwit Major

I'VE been reading with interest letters concerning the lack of a military police presence at St Athan.

I read Mr Lobb's letter in the April 23 edition and can only imagine that Mr Lobb has not witnessed a violent and unprovoked attack on a friend as I have.

Nor has he heard of the countless others that have resulted in members of the public being maimed and traumatised. I would be interested to see the statistics relating to violent offences in Llantwit, Boverton and the surrounding areas that involved members of the Armed Forces, particularly the residents of West Camp.

There are, I believe, some RAF Police on East Camp, but I'm led to believe they have no jurisdiction outside the camp boundaries.

I wonder how many other garrison towns, for that is what Llantwit has become, have no army

military police presence? Catterick, Aldershot, Colchester?

Another letter to The GEM was about dog fouling, and maybe we could take some lessons from this.

If your dog fouls, clean up after it, a good analogy for the military to consider. If your dog is dangerous, muzzle it and don't let it mix with civilised dogs.

There seems to be no consequence to these violent actions. Maybe the military could be more transparent with the punishments meted out to these violent offenders?

I understand the military do a difficult job and do it well. As a former member, I have been there, but do I really want my children to go into Llantwit Major now? It is a 'bear pit'? Hopefully, someone on West Camp will smell the coffee, if the powers that be in Llantwit serve them one.

Spencer Locker, Boverton

MAYOR SAYS THANK YOU

THE Mayor, Coun David Morris and Mayoress Mrs Lorraine Pounton-Bell, would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who supported their charity, Cancer Care Cymru throughout this past year.

We would also like to thank all who attended the Mayor's Ball, not only for purchasing the tickets but for their generosity on the night in raising through the sale of raffle tickets alone £830.

This, coupled with direct donations from the Yorkshire Building Society (£100), Half Tidy Singers (£50), Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions (£50), an anonymous donation on the night of £200, plus cash raised through other donations from town councillors both past and present, coffee mornings and tea dances, brought the grand total on the night to £3,400.

We are also extremely grateful to the following individuals and businesses who supported us with their very generous gifts for the raffle: Coun Val Ellis, Mrs Andrea Caines, Mr and Mrs Alan James, Mrs H Field, Mrs Ann Birt, Colwyn and Pam Jones, The Bear Hotel, Etcetera, Sam Smith Travel, Johnson Goldsmith, Ushis, Sue McDonough artist, Huddarts restaurant, The Market Place, The Linen Cupboard, Sorrento's, Jay Bee Jewellery, The Textile Studio, Jenny Wren, Xantippe, John Ian, Goose Island, Celtic Knot, Kingswood Jewellers, Rock Bottom, The Hair Business, Riverside Chinese Restaurant, Colours and the Beehive. Thank you one and all.

My final thank you must go to Mr Andrew Davies, town clerk, and his admin officer, Mrs Jackie Griffin, for their unstinting support and advice in organising the event.

Coun David Morris, Mayor, Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Safe path to the beach welcome

I for one, am very grateful to the Welsh Assembly for thinking of providing a safe path to Llantwit Major beach.

I am not averse to getting my feet wet or muddy, but as I am elderly and use a stick to help me walk, I find mud and small stones very slippery.

The road is extremely dangerous as cars often travel far too fast along its tortuous route. If the path is constructed sympathetically, it will provide a welcome and safe passage for children and disabled people, as well as other users.

As for the beach itself, the children find the rocks and pools more interesting than just sand and I enjoy sitting with a cup of coffee watching the view.

It is a pity that those who are fit and able-bodied can't spare a little thought for those less fortunate. I certainly would not like to see any more speed humps... Llantwit has plenty already!

B Wilkins, Llantwit Major

'Restorative justice' is the powerful tool that aims to help offenders and victims

HATRED of crime and criminals, and desire to see a tough punishment is the natural instinct of a law abiding citizen – but what if the offender is young and can be turned round?

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

That conundrum is something that the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Offending Service, which is involved in the welfare of young people in the criminal justice system, tries to resolve.

Its method of 'restorative justice' also takes into consideration the emotional impact on the victim.

The offending service runs a system of volunteers who become what is known as 'appropriate adults' with the aim of supporting a young person under the age of 17 years of age when they have been arrested and detained for questioning

at a police station. The idea is that the impartial adult can safeguard the youngster's rights and civil liberties.

One 'appropriate adult' volunteer, Rhian Godwin, who lives in Barry, explained: "I had already done voluntary work with young people at the Royal National Institute for the Blind in taking them out to social events such as bowling at Nantgarw."

"I decided then that I wanted to expand my experience in helping young people and wrote to the Youth Offending Service."

Rhian, aged 48, who in the past has worked in the travel industry and for Marks & Spencer, completed a short, but intensive training course to prepare her for the role.

"If a young person does not have a mum, dad or guardian to represent them, that's where we step in."

"We get a phone call from the local police and can be present during the interviewing process to make sure the young person knows their rights."

"We make sure that they are interviewed fairly, and can request that an interview is interrupted if the person is emotional, agitated, does not understand a question, or needs a break due to medication."

For the cynic who believes too much attention is lavished on the rights of youngsters, Rhian points out that although the person might be a previous offender, they could equally be a first offender, who could quickly change their ways, or someone completely innocent.

"I get enormous satisfaction from helping young people at a time when they are vulnerable, and often agitated, have no family to help, and need a person for support and guidance."

The work of Rhian is complemented by Nicky Waudby, who supervises 'voluntary victim advocacy'.

There are often calls from society to pay heed to the distress of victims and that is what Nicky tries to address.

Nicky said: "Victim advocates listen to the victims of crime and explain how the restorative system works."

It means the victim can attend a panel meeting at which the young person's offending behaviour is explored and can explain the impact the crime has had on them.

Victims can request letters of apology and even

ask for direct reparation to be undertaken.

Nicky explained: "A recent example was where a shed had been burgled and the door had been removed."

"The young people made good the shed and painted it."

"On another occasion, an offender was taken back to the house of an elderly woman whose fence had been damaged."

"The garden was cleared up, and the fence repaired and painted."

If a victim does not want the offender to be in such close contact to them, the person can make reparation in an indirect way.

Nicky said: "In one case in Barry some girls had damaged someone's wing mirror."

"The girls went to the local park and tidied up litter and got rid of graffiti – the victim actually saw us going there."

Victims can also be kept up to date with how the offender involved in their crime is responding to any order imposed on them.

Bibi Davies, the volunteer coordinator at the service, added: "When a young person is confronted with the consequences of what they've done they feel remorse and start to think:

"What if that had happened to my mother or father, or brother, or sister?"

"Restorative justice is a very powerful tool, empowering victims and giving the chance for youngsters to turn their lives around."

Anyone interested in volunteering as an appropriate adult or in victim advocacy can contact Bibi on 01446 745820.

Blood donors
"THERE is no substitute for blood, so it is essential we encourage regular blood donations to

ensure that blood will always be available whenever and wherever it is needed," Tracy Sampson of the Welsh Blood Service says.

"If donors miss their regular session, it would be very much appreciated if they telephone us on 0800 252266, or visit www.welshblood.org.uk to find an alternative session."

A blood donor session will be held on May 5, at Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, at 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

COWBRIDGE coffee and chat meeting, White Lion public house, May 5, 11am.

DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Hall, May 11, 7pm.

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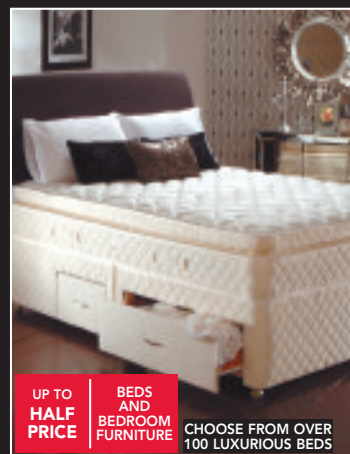
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Pioneering apprentices collect Assembly awards

TEN learners from Barry College subsidiary, the Vale of Glamorgan Training Association (VGTA), have become the first to qualify in a new Assembly apprenticeship scheme.

The VGTA was chosen as sole training provider for a pilot group of learners on new Foundation Modern Apprenticeships (FMAs).

"FMAs are a flexible programme of training for learners aged 16 and above. Designed by industry, they aim to demonstrate knowledge and the practical ability to work within a given



ABOVE: First Minister Rhodri Morgan with the VGTA's Welsh Assembly FMA learners.

sector and meet its needs," a college spokesperson explained. "Of the 10 learners, eight studied a Business Administration FMA and two completed Customer Service FMAs. As part

of the qualification framework they had to complete a Level 2 NVQ, Technical Certificate Level 2 and key skills in Communication Level 2 and Application of Number at Level 1."

The learners were awarded certificates by First Minister Rhodri Morgan at the Swalec Stadium in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, at an event organised by the Welsh Assembly Government. The event was also attended by the FMA learners families and line managers and VGTA staff.

Police look for owner of bag

VALE police seek the owner of a black canvas bag with white polka dots, containing a purse with cash, found on Saturday, March 14, in the play area of Old Penarthians rugby ground.

The owner should contact Barbara Morris at Barry Police station on 01446 731615.

The Vale backs 'White Ribbon' campaign

A GLOBAL campaign to eliminate violence against women is being supported by the Safer Vale Partnership.

Promoted by Barry Women's Aid and Wales' rugby captain Ryan Jones, the 'White Ribbon Campaign' (WRC) has been adopted worldwide and is recognised by the United Nations.

It also links in with the work undertaken by WOMANKIND Worldwide, which helps women in developing countries - silenced or isolated by harmful traditions, conflict, violence and intimidation - to

have a say in their family, community and country.

The first WRC was launched by a group of men in Canada, after the brutal mass shooting of 14 female students at the University of Montreal.

Vale of Glamorgan domestic abuse co-ordinator Charlotte Porter, said:

"The White Ribbon Campaign is particularly symbolic as it involves men working to eliminate men's violence against women.

"It just shows that real men do not condone or perpetrate violence against women, they condemn it and rightly so. Real men wear white rib-



Wales rugby captain Ryan Jones

bons and real men do not hurt women either emotionally or physically."

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WELSH CHILDREN'S CHAMPION'S VISIT TO LOCAL CHARITY

WELSH homeless-ness charity Llamau welcomed Keith Towler, Children's Commissioner for Wales, to their Learning 4 Life project in Cardiff last week.

Learning 4 Life provides informal education in Bridgend, the Vale and elsewhere for young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Many of those who attend the project have chaotic lifestyles and may have dropped out of school at an early age.

Despite the proven success of the Cardiff-based project in increasing young people's confidence and self esteem, and encouraging them back into learning or training, Learning 4 Life

does not receive any statutory funding.

Andrew Beck, who attends Learning 4 Life in Barry, said:

"I've been coming to Learning 4 Life for three years off and on. It gives you good experience and good life skills.

"I'm great at cooking now; last night I made chicken curry for 12 people".

The Commissioner commented: "The young people who are involved

with Learning 4 Life obviously get so much out of it. As a society, we have a responsibility to ensure that all young people have the learning and training opportunities they need.

"We should be supporting organisations like Llamau to do more of this kind of work, not letting them struggle financially in the hope that they may just be able to continue with the project next year."

Maendy YFC set for County Rally Day

THE countdown is on for May 9 and the Annual Rally Day of Glamorgan Young Farmers.

Everyone is invited to Pencoe College

between 9.30am-5.30pm for a day of competitions, stalls and displays.

Various competitions will be taking place, from craft exhibits to singing and dancing, tractor handling and woodwork, not to mention the tug of war finale to round off the day. There is also a rally dance in the evening - tickets are available at Rally Day only.

For further information, contact the county

office on 01656 864488.

Maendy are getting ready for the big day with weekly gatherings and practices, ensuring members are geared up for some top competition.

Some members are off to the National YFC AGM in Blackpool for the May bank holiday weekend, which always promises to be entertaining.

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Vale Road works

Dock View Road junction with Thompson Street, Barry - temporary traffic signals to allow work on adjacent footbridge over the railway line.

B4267 Penlan Road, Llandough - intermittent temporary traffic signals in use (off peak only). This is to allow water mains refurbishment.

Appeal after a car is damaged

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a black Porsche Cayman had its windscreen cracked and paintwork scratched while parked in Norton car park near Ogmores-by-Sea, between 10.30am-11.30am, on April 13.

Contact PC Tom Warren at Llantwit Major Police Station on 01656 869447, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Cyclist injured

Police are investigating a road traffic collision that occurred at 2.40pm on Friday, April 17 at the junction of Dyfan Rd and Barry Rd, Barry.

A 16-year-old female pedal cyclist was in collision with a silver Peugeot 307.

The pedal cyclist received serious injuries and was taken to the University Hospital of Wales.

South Wales Police are appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision to contact the Eastern Roads Policing Unit on 029 20222111 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Penarth Computer Club Bad computer habits must be broken - and here's how!

WE are all creatures of habit and they are hard to break - the 'force of habit' is so powerful that it is worthwhile making sure that these habits are useful ones in order for them to make life easier.

It is possible to acquire a habit after as few as two or three identical actions. For computer users, habits can be a problem.

When starting out, we struggle to discover how to do something; which keys to press to achieve what we want. When we find something that works, we are quite pleased with the result and repeat it several times. We have a habit. When we become more proficient with the machine, we maintain the habit, in spite of becoming aware that there are always at least three or more ways of doing anything.

It is unlikely that our habit has struck upon the most efficient way of working, yet we persevere to our detriment.

One of the most frequently-neglected improvements is to learn some keyboard shortcuts. These involve using the keyboard instead of the mouse when typing, because it is often easier than grasping the mouse; finding where the pointer is on screen; steering it to the appropriate button and effecting a change.

A simple example: saving a document from time to time as it is being typed. (This should be done as a matter of course. Anyone who doesn't do it has not yet lost a significant amount of typing when a computer has crashed!).

The options are: Stop typing. Find the mouse; find the pointer; click on File on the taskbar; Click on Save on the drop-down menu.

Move hand back to the keyboard. Continue typing.

OR - Stop typing. Find the mouse; find the pointer; point at the save button on the taskbar and click. Move hand back to the keyboard. Continue typing.

OR - Type: Alt, F, S.

The last one is the keyboard shortcut and your hand has not left the keyboard. It is quicker and much less effort. It is, therefore, more likely to be used frequently and as a result work is less likely to be lost. Anyone not using this shortcut is recommended to start developing the habit now.

Similarly, the keyboard can be used to cut and paste. There is no need to backspace to delete a line or paragraph character by character or use the mouse to select some text. The arrow keys will move the cursor and holding down the Shift key will select the text as the cursor moves.

Tip: this method will enable you to start and/or finish the selection in the middle of a word. Up and down arrows will work as will Page Up and Page Down.

Then, holding down [ctrl+x] together will cut the selected text. Move the cursor to where you want the text to be and press [ctrl+v] and the text will be pasted. [ctrl+c] will copy text.

If a considerable amount of text is to be moved, it is perhaps safer to copy and paste and then delete the original text - just in case your finger slips!

Typing [ctrl+b] will switch on bold type; [ctrl+u] will underline and [ctrl+i] will italicise text. These are 'toggles' and typing them again will cancel the change. They can be used in combination.

In all cases it means that typing can continue without bothering the mouse. All these are time-sav-

ing habits to encourage.

Unfortunately, some useful little features are used so infrequently that they never get to become a habit. For these we have to resign ourselves to digging around to discover their secrets again. We could, of course, make a note somewhere to save the effort, but it can be just as difficult to find the note. (Sound familiar?)

For example, if a preferred view of picture folders is by means of the Filmstrip option, it is irritating if, for no apparent reason, the option is not given in the view menu.

This can arise even if the folder is a sub-folder within the 'My Pictures' folder. To have the option included in the view menu, you must highlight the folder; right-click on it and select 'Properties'.

In the dialogue box select the 'Customise' tab. Under What kind of folder do you want? select 'Photo Album' or 'Pictures' and click 'Apply'. (There are options tailored to music and video files as well.) There is a box to tick if there are sub-folders that also need the option.

Even here there is a quirk. If the folder is important enough to have lots of sub-folders, the properties dialogue box might not have a Customise tab. In that case try folders on the next level down.

The club next meets on May 12 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Kevin will tell how to make use of Restore Points and how to undelete or find lost files.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND
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Father who horsewhipped his children now faces jail

A STRICT father is facing jail for horsewhipping his three young children – to “stop them going off the rails”.

At Cardiff Crown Court last week, he admitted using a riding crop on his children aged between seven and 12 to make them behave.

The father (52) denied three charges of cruelty, claiming he had whipped them “for their own good”.

But a jury found him

guilty and he was warned that he will be jailed.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC told the father: “You are a controlling and cruel man. The fact that you consider it appropriate to hit children with a riding crop, albeit on a riding crop, demonstrates you are a cruel man.”

The qualified engineer was arrested when his seven-year-old son dialled 999 after an incident at the family home in the Vale of Glamorgan.

One of his children

told Cardiff Crown Court when his father hit him it felt “like his hand was on fire” and it always left a mark.

The father-of-three said: “I used it as a deterrent. I’m trying to instil discipline into the children. I don’t wish for them to go off the rails. I’m actively trying to be a good father, to bring them up knowing right and wrong.”

“I’m trying to instil discipline, but children don’t like that – they like to run free from parental control. The riding crop is a deterrent. It

would be used only on the palm of the hand, never to cause injury. I don’t hit them hard. I am extremely careful.”

“I’ve never used it when I’ve lost my temper or when I’ve been angry or enraged.”

When asked if he thought using the riding crop was acceptable, he said: “I suppose I have to bend to modern society and say I shouldn’t use it.”

The father, who cannot be named, to protect the identity of his children, was found guilty of three charges of cruelty to a person under 16.

Judge Hopkins added that by pleading not guilty and making the children give evidence against him, he had effectively called them liars.

The man was also found guilty of causing actual bodily harm and common assault on his wife, who is 20 years his junior.

The judge asked for a report on the future contact between the man and his children before sentencing him at Cardiff Crown Court next month.

Petticoat Lane
THE Penarth
Horticultural Society is holding its annual Petticoat Lane event on Saturday, May 2, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 10am-12pm.

There will be plant stalls, cakes and preserve stalls, bric-a-brac and tombola.

The latest cases in the Vale Magistrates Court

EMMA MYFANW CURNOW (28) of Shackleton Close, St Athan, admitted permitting production or attempting production of cannabis resin, a Class B drug, on February 10.

She was fined £320 and told to pay prosecution costs of £60.
DAVID ERNIST HINTON (54) of Westbourne Road, Penarth, admitted drink driving in the town on April 4.

A breath test showed a reading of 78 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

He was banned from driving for 18 months, fined £100 and told to pay £60 prosecution costs.

The ban can be reduced by four months if a course is completed.

SIMON PETER MARTYN (41) of Church Road, Barry, admitted drink driving in the town on April 4.

Magistrates heard a reading showed 59 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

He was banned from driving for 12 months, fined £100 and told to pay £60 prosecution costs.

If a course is completed, the ban can be reduced by three months.

DAVID MARK ANTONY YOUNG (21) of Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth, admitted damaging a window belonging to the Railway

Hotel.

He was ordered to pay compensation of £343.

DANIELLE JADE CARMELA

BEACHAM (30) of Holmes Street, Barry, admitted removing the whole or part of a dog’s tail for a purpose other than for the animal’s

medical treatment.

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Putting empty shops to use

IN your recent article about Llantwit and Cowbridge becoming 'transition towns', Rob MGhee is quoted as saying that we need to "relearn" old skills like planting vegetables and fruit trees, making clothes, woodworking, bee-keeping and making marmalade.

I hope Rob will be pleased to learn that none of these skills have been lost! Look at the allotments by the Fire Station in Llantwit, where people are growing enough fruit and veg to fill Tesco at Culverhouse Cross (though they never will!)

Or come along to the Stitch 'n' Bitch on Monday night from 7pm-9pm at Il Vesuvio in Llantwit Major, where you can join a group of people aged from 20 to 69 busy knitting and crocheting all manner of garments, some of whom had never lifted a needle before (*for more info see <http://llmtstitchn-bitch.wordpress.com/>*).

Or go to any of the country markets at the Llantwit Hall, where he will find homemade marmalade galore, as well as lots of other goodies. I'm told that there are beekeepers locally, too, and I know of plenty of woodworking enthusiasts.

However, it can be quite difficult to pass the skills on, even though there are plenty of peo-

ple who want to learn and plenty of people who are happy to share the knowledge.

When we started the Stitch 'n' Bitch, the biggest challenge we had was finding somewhere to meet every week in the middle of town.

I keep looking at the empty shops in the centre of Llantwit and thinking about what a brilliant venue they would make for these kinds of activity.

I know that there are people who want to start quilting, and share the pleasures of hooking rugs.

There are artists and craftspeople in the town who would like to exhibit their work, people who would like to teach classes, and others who would like to learn something new.

A place like that would bring people into the town centre, and could only complement the businesses there already.

It would provide cheap or free activities just when they are needed most, with recession looming. Wouldn't it be better than empty shops?

We could spend the rest of our lives applying for grants, but it would be much better fun to put the effort into organising activities and exhibitions!

So if you have somewhere suitable - in Llantwit - please could you get in touch via our website or email lzmilward@yahoo.com?

Liz Hayes,
Llantwit Major

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'Society is bringing out the Victor Meldrew in me'

MY wife and I retired recently and moved into Llantwit Major - it is a pleasant town in which to live with good facilities - shops, train and bus station, library and leisure centre.

It is rural, with good walks, a labyrinth of quiet roads for cycling, and within easy reach of a beach and some dramatic coastline.

So why am I grumpy? It is because of a measurable lack of social responsibility that I observe but feel powerless to have any impact upon.

I watched a woman throw something under her car the other day and drive away. It was a small piece of rubbish, but if such action was extrapolated across the populous, our town would be an unpleasant place in which to live.

The woman and I did not make eye contact, otherwise I might have remonstrated.

Recently, a family ahead of me allowed their dog to defecate on the pavement. I asked them if they would clean it up. "Yes" they said, but they were going to get a bag as they had run out... It was still there three days later.

A great example for the children.

I must not get tedious, but I estimate that 50 per cent of drivers ignore the 30mph warning on the Llantwit/Boverton road, driving while using a mobile 'phone is commonplace, and I am often overtaken in 30mph areas.

I often flash my lights or hoot and I guess that I am putting myself at some risk in doing this. These things make me mad and my wife wisely counsels me to consider my blood pressure.

Notice that I have not mentioned teenagers - the common target for adult disdain. Of course they are not without fault, but the above anti-social activities are carried out by a wide spectrum of ages.

It troubles me as a *laissez-faire* attitude can only encourage a decline in society's standards, but it seems so difficult to find a way of making an effective stand.

So like poor old Victor Meldrew, I can only get hot under the collar, internalise my anger as best I can, and outwardly appear to be the grumpy old man that I probably am.

Dr John Devonshire, Llantwit Major

Rugby writers are mauled!

HAVING just seen the report of the Cowbridge v Pontyclun game (The GEM April 16) and knowing that your excellent journal is read in many of the border Vale villages outside Cowbridge, I thought someone

should congratulate your two correspondents on their perceptive analysis.

It was, of course, 'luck' and 'refereeing advantages' that has allowed Pontyclun to register near 100 points against Cowbridge in the two games this season.

Moreover, it has certainly been good fortune that Pontyclun have now

become the champions of their division with two games still in hand.

The average score of 35 points, the best in the WRU leagues, must have something to do with favourable referees.

Amazingly, that 'lucky streak' seems to have permeated into the youth team which will also win its division and into good performances of the junior, women's and mini sections.

Even some of the 'back room' guys have been lucky to be recognised with national awards. How lucky can one club get?

But, hey, wasn't it Jack Nicklaus who said "the more I practise, the luckier I get?"

Surely Pontyclun's success couldn't be due to sheer hard work, commitment, dedication and a bit of pride in a community club?

It's tough work running a rugby club these days and everyone in local rugby would want Cowbridge to get back on track and just maybe, a bit of objective feedback from impartial reporters might help.

If anyone in the Vale wants to 'try their luck' at Pontyclun rugby, they will be welcomed with open arms!

John David, Pontyclun
FOOTNOTE: Given the scoreline (59 - 3 to Pontyclun) the writers' lighthearted comments were obviously not intended to be taken seriously...

That said, The GEM extends its warmest congratulations to Pontyclun RFC on a truly magnificent season.

Final footnote: Our golf correspondent says it was Gary Player who made that famous quote, not Jack Nicklaus!

Headstones: need for a sensible approach to the safety issues

IREFER to the very interesting BBC Panorama programme, April 20, which examined why the deadly serious matter of health and safety has become a laughing stock, and why it has strayed from its original aims.

The programme considered the expensive and insensitive action some burial authorities have taken to deal with the threat from potentially unsafe headstones.

When I was a Barry Town councillor, I expressed concern that the council's proposals to deal with the so-called 'killer' headstones needed more thought before councillors made deci-

sions. I made the point that the council's approach may be an over-reaction and needed to be sensible and sensitive.

After watching the Panorama report by Quentin Letts last week, I now feel my caution has been vindicated.

Our elected representatives should resist unhelpful pressure and a culture which seems to compel people to take more than reasonably practicable measures when dealing with possible safety matters.

Now that the Health & Safety Executive has withdrawn its guidance (not statutory as some claimed), the town council may well take the opportunity to review the way it deals with unsafe gravestones.

Dennis Harkus, Barry



ABOVE: Mr Harkus' hat - is it safe from toppling headstones?

Put the climate challenge before defence college

I WAS profoundly dismayed to read of John Smith MP hailing the proposed Defence Technical College at St Athan as a potential recession-buster.

I think this displays our local MP's failure to think through and appreciate the full seriousness of the present economic crises and its implications for Britain's future

place in world politics and economics.

Certainly, the economy needs investment to 'get things going' but since we shall face difficult and stringent times during the coming decades with the burden of a hefty national debt, we need to choose the right investment for our situation.

We are not going to be strong enough to be a military power of any consequence - so why resort to investing in the military when there is so much to be done elsewhere?

As things are now, for 'the largest single investment in the history of Wales' to be a defence technical college seems to me to be a misdirection of resources when needs in other directions are many and urgent.

We need to move into new technologies and innovations - facing the challenge of climate change.

We need to improve public transport, build new homes and improve existing ones, advance the design of cars and other vehicles.

So much to do in so many areas, and I wish our elected representatives would direct their efforts towards these more sensible and more appropriate 'recession busters'.

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New Welsh law brings local families into play

It was good to be able to report to the Cardiff and Vale Parents Federation conference this week that we are developing a new Welsh law (The Children and Families Measure) introduced to the Assembly on March 2, which will bring in new entitlements for children and young people for play opportunities.

The title of the conference held on Monday in Sophia Gardens was We Can Play, which is so important for the parents and carers of disabled children and young people.

In fact, the federation was set up by parents and carers of people with learning disabilities in Cardiff and the Vale and it has a strong voice influencing government at all levels.

Play is fundamental to every child's emotional, physical and social development, and it is vital that every chance is given to provide play and leisure opportunities for disabled children and young people.

This principle was embraced by the Children and Young People's Partnerships, set up in each local authority area in Wales. Since 2003, the Welsh Assembly Government has awarded

£23 million to these Partnerships to fund play opportunities as part of the Cymorth Grant.

Over two years ago, we announced that £1 million of this allocation had to be spent on play for disabled children. This funding has continued with a new package this year of support of £2.75 million for play for disabled children, short break services for children with complex disabilities, and a new benefit awareness campaign for families with disabled children.

We have worked closely with the 'Disabled Children Matter' campaign to bring in these new funding opportunities, and the feedback from the parents and carers at the conference showed that this investment was vital, but also more can be done within existing resources to change the way we provide our services.

For example, leisure centres could be more flexible about opening up their facilities for disabled children and young people. Access to soft play and holiday play schemes could be geared more effectively to the wide range of needs and abilities of our young people.

This can be addressed now by local authorities but the new Welsh law we are introducing will help ensure that these issues will be fully addressed.

The proposals include

new duties on local authorities to require them to formally assess the 'sufficiency' of play opportunities in their area, both in terms of quality and quantity and to use that assessment to improve provision.

The views of children, young people and their families will be taken into account in developing this assessment, including the views and needs of disabled children and young people.

The new Welsh law is part of our plan to take action to tackle child poverty and to improve the life chances of our most disadvantaged children in Wales.

It will also include a requirement to fund free childcare for two-year-olds in our Flying Start areas in Wales.

Childcare provision at the pioneering Gibbonsdown children's centre is partly funded through Flying Start provision, and we want to safeguard that for the future.

Like the foundation phase for our 3-7 year olds, our Flying Start programme for 0-3 year olds has the concept of 'learning through play' at the heart of its provision. It encourages parents and

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

carers to be involved in play activities with their children as a key part of parenting.

Wales was the first country in the UK to develop a play policy and play implementation plan, which has led us to introduce these new policies, funds and laws about play.

Children and young people involved in the recent pioneering BBC Wales series said they wanted to have more play, leisure, sporting and outdoor activities.

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Clerk retiring

WE have been informed that the clerk to the Llanccarfan Community Council, Mrs Joann Scott-Quelch, has decided to retire in July.

Joan has been the residents of Llanccarfan and district in her capacity as clerk for more than 21 years.

The community councillors have expressed their regret

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that she has decided to retire, but have thanked her for her dedicated service, and for the conscientious way she has conducted her duties on behalf of the local community.

We wish Joann much happiness and good health in her retirement and are sure she will be

prepared to offer the benefit of her knowledge and experience to her successor as clerk to the council.

Applications to become clerk to the council are now being invited and will be decided shortly.

May Day walk

THE Llanccarfan Society's May Day walk this year is at the Amelia Trust – an easy walk is involved and commences at 11am.

Meet at the Trust (situated off Five Mile Lane) at 10.30am for tea and coffee. Dogs (on lead at all times) are allowed.

This is an attractive walk round the trust grounds with the opportunity to view the animals and various country pursuits and exhibitions. Refreshments are available at the site café afterwards.

Llanccarfan Society

THE society's annual general meeting will be held on Friday, May 1, at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. There will be a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles.

NEWS FROM BARRY & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**A case of déjà vu for the new president!**

AT last year's AGM, the incoming president of Soroptimist International Barry and District, Marie Mantle, suggested members might appreciate a 'quieter' year having had a very busy time leading up to the club's celebration of its 40th anniversary.

However, when the programme action officer, Judith Lewis, read out her report, it was obvious, that even in a 'quiet' year, members still achieve an incredible amount.

Projects included: the quarterly survey of Jackson's Bay for the Marine Conservation Society, donating items, packing and sending parcels to troops in Afghanistan, providing over 1,000 knitted Easter chicks to support Velindre Hospital, donating items to the local Women's Refuge, arranging monthly events at a local residential home, and supporting the Christmas tree festival in St Augustine's

Church, Penarth.

Members also support various recycling initiatives by collecting unwanted jewellery for a regional project – Licking Lassa Fever, as well as stamps, spectacles and ink cartridges. Not bad for a quiet year!

In her president's report, Marie also referred to the considerable amount of money that had been raised – approximately £2,000 to her chosen charity, the Stroke Association and £150 to the Salvation Army.

The club continues to make donations to its annual commitments, that include the support of an orphan in India, the Welsh Heritage schools initiative and various Soroptimist charities.

In her outgoing remarks, Marie said that the completion of her presidential year was not an end, merely a transition to a new and rewarding chapter on her journey in Soroptimism.

The incoming president, Mrs Iris Hopkins, lives in Dinas Powys, is the former headmistress of Dinas Powys Infants School, and is well

known in the area.

Iris said she has a sense of déjà vu, as she has first been president of the club 17 years ago. Iris also served as regional president in 1997-98.

However, despite her experience, Iris said she was still learning. She referred to the fact that the club had grown considerably and built on the strong foundations begun by our founder members 40 years ago. How fortunate we are to still have some of those founder members with us, committed to the ideals of Soroptimism.

Iris said presidents are supposed to have a 'theme' and she felt the quotation on the cover of her programme for the year summed up her hopes:

"Coming together is the beginning; Being together is progress; Thinking together is unity; Working together is success."

The president announced her nominated charity would be ValePlus, an organisation with bases in Barry and Llantwit Major that provides educational, social and vocational opportu-



ABOVE (left to right) president elect, Judith Lewis, president Iris Hopkins and immediate past president, Mrs Marie Mantle.

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POLICE in Cowbridge are investigating the theft of 10 Oakley shirts from a local shop.

Two men, in their 30s or 40s, entered the Coyote ski and surf shop in North Road at about 1pm last Friday April 24) and while one engaged the assistant in conversation, the second removed the polo

type shirts from a rail and left the shop.

The shirts sell for £30 each and were new in that day.

One of the men is said to have untidy fair hair and wore a white top.

The shop is run by Nicola and Simon, but they did not want to comment on the theft.

Sgt Paul Revers, Vale Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, urged shopkeepers to be vigilant.

"They should be on their guard and report any incidents promptly. If anyone is offered these shirts, they should contact police or Crimestoppers."

If you have information about this incident, contact Sgt Revers at Cowbridge Police Station on 01656-869450, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Wedding unites Rhoose families

ST DONATS Arts Centre was the setting for the wedding of Rhoose couple Hayley Pearce, a primary school teacher, and William Rees.

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were Emily Rees and Anna Hooper and the flower girl was Freya Perry.

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THE need to upgrade the mayor's parlour at Cowbridge Town Hall will be included in the rolling refurbishment programme for the building. This was decided by

the Town Hall committee. A GRANT of £100 has been made by the town council to the Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club to help with running costs.

COWBRIDGE Town Council is to give £100 to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society towards the cost of running its show at Bwlth Wells, where Glamorgan will be the featured coun-

ty this year.

COWBRIDGE in Bloom is to receive £225 from the town council towards the cost of placing flowers in the town.

THE bench in Old Hall gardens, which was vandalised, is to be replaced at a cost of £292. The bench will be purchased by the town council and will be fitted by the Vale Council at its own expense.

THE non-domestic rates for Cowbridge Town Hall amounts to £11,491 in this financial year, councillors were told.

LANDOWNERS adjoining the old Roman road near Cowbridge are currently being identified by the Vale Council so that growth can be cut back and pedestrian access restored.

Members learn about the tricks of the floral trade

MEMBERS had long anticipated a flower arranging demonstration by Alison Bentley, and on April 2 she did not disappoint.

With the assistance of fellow florist Jan, and in a remarkably short time, six arrangements, completely different in character and content, were produced.

They also entertained with tales of triumphs and disasters, passing on many hints and tricks of the trade.

There was a sudden rush for raffle tickets when Alison announced that, to make up for having had to cancel a previous scheduled demonstration, all the arrangements were being donated to the branch raffle.

NEWS FROM WENVOE WI

The delighted winners were four members and two visitors.

When leaving, many lamented the fact that there was no flower arranging class in Wenvoe.

At the next meeting in the community centre at 7.30pm on May 7, members will be discussing

resolutions, followed by a beetle drive. New/non-members welcome.

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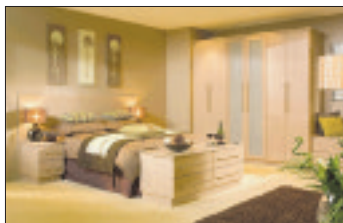
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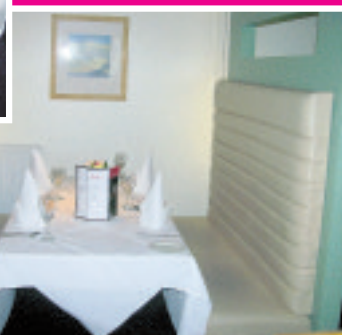
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New-look Mughal Emperor builds on 16 years of continual refinement

THE Mughal Emperor at Stalling Down, just outside Cowbridge, is showing off a gleaming new look after an extensive refurbishment – but the smart new setting is the only change that lovers of Indian food can expect.

After all, the restaurant has been there for 16 years now, ever since Mr Anhar Miah opened the business with three family members – and no establishment survives and prospers for that length of time without providing a consistently high-quality dining experience.

It is still very much a family business, with a few more joining the staff over that 16 years, and the menu has been subtly refined and developed over that period – keeping the Mughal Emperor firmly in the quality bracket of Indian dining.

Mr Miah told The GEM that he was proud of the number of familiar faces that made the trip to Cowbridge on a regular basis – quite a number from Swansea and Cardiff – with many couples from the early days now bringing teenage children for a real family occasion.

He said: "This refurbishment is a 'thank you' to our customers.

"We have always aimed to serve the best food that we could, and they have recognised that by returning to us. They deserve to eat in smart, comfortable surroundings, and I think

this new look means they will get just that."

Mr Miah is also passionate about maintaining his kitchen's reputation for quality. All the ingredients, whether meat, fish or vegetables are fresh. Frozen food of any sort is simply not part of the culinary process.

Standing on the shining new terrace at the Mughal, looking out over the rolling downs, before stepping into the

restaurant, you appreciate the setting, and the layout of the interior makes for a relaxed meal – just the right balance, with tables close enough to provide atmosphere, but spaced far enough apart to make the meal an intimate one.

The ethos of the business has remained unchanged over those 16 years. Mr Miah sees no need for special offers. The policy of providing high-quality food at a reasonable price has served him well.

The Mughal is riding out the credit crunch because of this and, as he says, if two people can eat great food for £25, then they soon discover that one restaurant's special offer is Mr Miah's normal price!

Of course, as with society itself, there have been changes over the last 16 years. The old stereotype about people drinking nothing but lager with an Indian was never that true, but it is long gone today.

The Mughal Emperor keeps a good range of wines, because so many customers these days prefer wine with their meal, and the staff are only too happy to suggest an appropriate choice if the diner is unsure.

Even the lager has changed, because that is now the authentic Indian brew, rather than the mass-produced UK option.

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The Swan Inn (Porthcawl) takes the gastropub route

A VILLAGE pub in Nottage, Porthcawl, is re-branding itself as a 'gastropub' and has made a statement of intent by going into partnership with an award-winning chef.

A brand new menu is being unveiled at The Swan, under the

auspices of Mark Thomas and Julie Jenkins – and Joe Jones, the winner of the 'Welsh Young Chef of the Year' in 2008.

In fact, the public house is moving in a new direction, with a major emphasis on local produce and local suppliers.

Mark Thomas told The GEM: "We are aiming to build personal relationships

with as many suppliers as possible, so that we know where all the food comes from".

He feels that there is a demand from diners to see their favourite restaurants supporting the local economy.

That applies to the drinking side of the pub as well, because real ales will be featured under the new team, with a particular relationship forged

with brewers from around south Wales, including Newmans from Caerphilly.

In fact, the pub is hosting a four-day beer festival this weekend (May 1-4), to give patrons a chance to see the future.

On the restaurant side, young Joe comes to The Swan having worked at The Coast, which won its share of awards in its time in Porthcawl, and also at The Star Inn, in Treoeas.

Joe is as enthusiastic as his partners in planning a menu featuring local Welsh beef, lamb, or fish.

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'THE TRAINING COLLEGE IS NOT A RECESSION-BUSTER'

JOHAN SMITH MP's annual report as a wrap-around in The GEM (April 23) gives his own words, leaving no excuse of misquoting or taking out of context.

So he actually believes "five per cent of the UK's energy needs" could be produced by a Severn Barrage from Lavernock Point. The figure in the tidal options report is five per cent of UK electricity and only one per cent of UK energy needs.

The difference is significant, as Mr Smith's government has signed up to reducing energy use by 20 per cent by 2020, so 20 times the Severn Barrage, and delivered sooner.

While the plans for doing this are sketchy, it clearly includes reducing traffic and car use, implying John Smith's promotion of an M4 link road contradicts that energy target.

The MP still proclaims £12 billion as the cost of the military technical training college. Yet at the recent exhibitions, Metrix gave the total investment cost as £700 million. The rest is running costs, staff salaries and profits for 30 years and covers sites other than St Athan.

We expect our MP to understand the PFI funding mechanism; also to recognise that PFI schemes have often been excessively costly and examine whether this one would be any different.

The £700 million on constructing the St Athan college and housing is still a tidy sum, but little different from the current £650 million St Davids-2 development in Cardiff.

It could help maintain building jobs through the recession (if that lasts through 2011), but is far from the claimed "recession-buster".

The quoted 20,000 students per year is another

inflated figure. The plans cater for a transient population of maximum 3,000 trainees, on various courses of lengths from three weeks to 18 months. The 3,000 shows the college is under a third the size of the Treforest campus of the University of Glamorgan.

It's worrying that the MP fails to grasp the basic numbers that show the Technical College (one-time 'Training Academy') is no big deal.

Rather than a 'recession buster', it's one of Labour's PFI-privatisation dodges for government spending beyond our means that have contributed to the recession, and make it a clear target for austerity cuts.

Max Wallis,
Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth

Questions over airport link road

IT was fascinating to learn of the difficulties experienced by Mr Knill (GEM, April 23) in obtaining details of the airport link road survey carried out by the local MP.

He is not alone in having to wait months and then receiving minimal information.

John Smith MP stated that he had overwhelming support for a £100 million road to the airport. A residents' group waited months for even a copy of a blank survey.

This raises many questions. I wrote to him last year asking for

more details. For instance, who conducted the survey? Was it carried out by professionals, or did he use his staff or Labour councillors?

Was it a scientific survey, free of bias? What areas were asked? What were the options? Were people aware of the financial costs?

From that day to this there has been no reply.

If he wishes to use any survey to back up his case for a £100 million road, he needs to present all the evidence.

In the absence of factual information, his case is collapsing.

Conservatives 'gag' residents

THE third Rhose Point report (GEM article, April 21) was presented at last week's scrutiny committee for 'endorsement' before going to cabinet – therefore making a total mockery of the scrutiny role to 'call in' and question cabinet decisions.

The late arrival of the Independent member meant the balance of power favoured the Conservative group.

A Rhose Point resident wanted to speak, but was refused permission to do so.

Rhose Point residents are currently responsible and liable for the entire infrastructure on Rhose Point, so not allowing a resident to speak was disgraceful.

The Plaid chairman did have the grace to apologise to the 'gagged' resident.

The usual 'barbed comment' was made against a 'handful' of residents blamed for taking up council time and resources over the years – totally ignoring the fact that these residents vigorously lobbied the council to collect security money from the developers of £1.5 million to protect them from financial infrastructure costs, should they go bust.

What was feared and predicted has come to be.

Officers now want to invoke sweeping powers for the council (via the taxpayers) to pick up the cost of officer incompetence.

Before doing so, the council needs to gain signif-

icant land holdings on Rhose Point. On the one hand, an easy task because Cofton's administrators are only too keen to offload the 'nasty bits' and associated huge liabilities.

The difficulty is that after 13 years dealing with the Section 106 Land Transfers signed in 1996, the council is yet to define the legal land boundaries!

The council also wants support from Welsh Water but Welsh Water has given surface water rebates to residents, so is under no legal or moral duty to assist the council in sorting out its self-inflicted mess.

The Conservatives also voted against the Labour motion for a recorded vote being made – so clearly were not prepared to 'stand up and be counted' – therefore making a total mockery of the 'openness and transparency' of the planning system.

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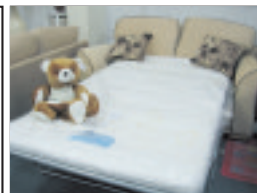


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Members of the Partnership are representative from the statutory, voluntary sectors, businesses and community groups. The Vale of Glamorgan Council, South Wales Police, the Local Health Board, South Wales Probation Service, the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services and South Wales Fire Service are all key partners.

The Partnership, through Home Office and Welsh Assembly Government funding is able to support local crime and disorder reduction projects.

PACT

The Safer Vale Partnership is committed to improving your neighbourhood. There are already excellent partnership relationships with voluntary and charitable organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch, youth groups and resident groups.

It is also important that prominent members of the community such as leaders of resident associations, voluntary groups, faith groups and councillors are also involved.

For PACT to succeed, it is essential for members of the community to be involved to ensure that the real issues affecting the community are resolved.

PACT meeting is only one form of engagement. There are other ways to have your say. This could be by attending surgeries, or Community Council and Consultative meetings, by speaking face to face with an officer, telephone, letter or by visiting www.safervale.co.uk.

The goals of a PACT meeting are to:

Provide a forum for local residents to meet their community representatives and to prioritise neighbourhood problems and disorder in their area.

Identify issues that are capable of being resolved within an agreed timescale.

To identify problem-solving plans to resolve these issues and mobilise the relevant services to deliver solutions.

PACT gives members of the public the opportunity to influence and be involved in problem solving with your neighbourhood.

Dealing with unresolved priorities

A 'traffic-light' system has been adopted to highlight unresolved priorities. When a priority is identified it is coded 'green'. If the priority has not been resolved by the next meeting it will be coded 'amber'. If the priority has not been resolved by the third meeting, it will be coded 'red' and passed to the Community Engagement Group for discussion/ action.

Community Engagement Group

The Community Engagement Group was established in the beginning of 2007 and meets bi-monthly and reports to the Safer Vale Strategic Partnership. It is made up of representatives of the local

process to develop government policy, or build community awareness and understanding.



Involving the community through a range of mechanisms to ensure that issues and concerns are understood and considered as part of the decision-making process.

Collaborating with the community by developing partnerships to formulate options and provide recommendations.

and planned youth focused events e.g. Friday night youth club and school holiday/after school sports and music based events.

A breakfast club for school children to provide them with a subsidised healthy breakfast.

A luncheon club providing a subsidised healthy lunch with activities for older people and unemployed local people.

A FAN (Friends and Neighbours) club for socially isolated people.

A community cafe for local residents.

The main aims of the Coast Café are to reduce crime and anti social behaviour in the area and for the community to have greater confidence in agencies dealing with offenders, increased feeling of safety and bring the community closer together.

The Community Engagement Group has also funded three other projects this year:

Barry Island Car Park

The car park will be segregated into kerbed individual bay areas with traffic speed restriction devices constructed between bays. Additional signage introduced. This will provide a safer area and reduce the longstanding anti social behaviour in Barry Island Car Park. Residents of Barry Island will benefit from this and calls to police resources should be reduced.

Youth PACT Training

– The Community Engagement Group has funded the Youth PACT Training to help young people integrate with the PACT process. This will help:-

Young people will have a better understanding of PACT process and how it operates in their local area.

Young people will improve their self-esteem, communication skills and commitment skills.

Young people will feel empowered as they would have had an input in the development and running of youth PACT meetings.

Greater partnership working will be achieved by the delivery of this training.

The Youth PACT committees provide citizenship benefits, a sense of community involvement and ownership for young people. The project is important in the creation of a safer environment for the future.

The future

Crime is low in the Vale of Glamorgan, however to keep pushing it out of the Vale the Safer Vale Partnership welcomes your help and input. For further information please visit our website

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Matthew Davies of Safer Vale with Paul Green and his son Ellis at the Safer Vale Road Show in Penarth



authority, police, and voluntary sector. The group has overall responsibility for the PACT process in the Vale of Glamorgan and will deal with all complaints relating to PACT, its structure and management.

The aim of the Community Engagement Group are:-

Informing the community of policy directions of the government.

Consulting the community as part of a

Empowering the community to make decisions and to implement and manage change.

One of the many successes of the Community Engagement Group

A community cafe which will be called "Coast Café", located in coastlands Church on Tennyson Road will be developed as a result of funding from The Community Engagement Group (Safer Vale Partnership).

The funding will be used for the refurbishment of existing premises to meet required standards and develop the café and purchase Cafe equipment. The funding will also be used for course materials, refurbishment of bathroom facilities, disabled toilet and baby changing facilities.

The Coast Café will provide services to all members of the local community, with a particular focus on young people, older people and the unemployed. The Coast Café will provide a venue for a range of community initiatives. These will include:

A social skills course providing budgeting, shopping and cooking skills to young people leaving care, in partnership with the vale's leaving care team.

A How to Drug Proof Your Kids Course in partnership with Colcot Primary School and Bryn Hafren.

A youth venue for a range of current



Pictured at King Square (from left) Stacey Evans (Safer Vale partnership); Ray Behrens (Vice chair of Neighbourhood Watch) and Peter Arthur (Chair of Neighbourhood Watch)

Out and About with The GEM

CROWE AND AFFLECK STAR IN AN INTELLIGENT THRILLER

HAVING seemingly had the world at his feet nine years ago, Ben Affleck soon began a slow decline, poor film choices (*Pearl Harbour*, *Gigli*) and his relationship with Jennifer Lopez led to Affleck becoming practically ostracised by the film community.

However, beginning with his support turn in *Hollywoodland*, Affleck has redeemed himself in the eyes of Hollywood, his directorial debut, *Gone Baby Gone*, earning excellent reviews, and this latest role in front of the camera sees him as part of a powerful ensemble cast.

In *State of Play* (adapted from the BBC series of the same name), Affleck plays congressman Stephen Collins, who finds himself in the news when his mistress is murdered.

With the murder being investigated by Cal McCaffrey (Russell Crowe), a reporter who is a friend of Collins, the pair soon find themselves embroiled in something deeper than a

murder case, with loyalties becoming increasingly frayed.

State of Play is yet another example of film studios raiding existing materials for inspiration; however, when the results are as gripping as this, you don't begrudge them their lack of originality.

Teeming with a cast of superb quality, and directed with economical dexterity, this is the sort of film you would love to see more of in multiplexes, rather than the brash blockbusters.

Transposing the action from the TV series, London to Washington works well, upping the layers of political intrigue and heightening the tensions and the stakes for the characters; and given the quality of the TV series, the casting here is all-important.

Thankfully, those tasked with bringing the characters from the small screen to the big screen are more than adept at the task.

For Russell Crowe, it's another eminently watchable performance from the actor, who projects the character of McCaffrey in a low-key manner that has typified

his recent work. His character is a reporter straight out of the old-school of journalism, pounding the streets and looking for leads and information, and has no time for the modern machinations of the media world. Indeed, the moment Helen Mirren's editor declares that the paper's new owners are more interested in salacious gossip (and the sales that will ensue from it) than actual hard news will resonate with anyone who is concerned about the national press's current obsession with celebrity and shock-horror stories.

Crowe's performance is a joy to watch, bringing to the fore the conflict between his personal and professional ideals. He wants to help his old friend out of the political mess he's got himself into, but how does that affect his journalistic integrity? It is a notion that the screenplay, and Crowe's turn, subtly poses throughout.

Acting opposite, Ben Affleck is stoic throughout, showcasing a slow-burning intensity and a desire to clear his name of any wrongdoing. He brings a degree of nous to the role (and if any-

one knows what it's like to be vilified in his chosen field for making the wrong choices it's him). However, his turn is very much behind in the pecking order, offering valuable, if somewhat undistinguished, support.

Most impressive is Rachel McAdams who plays an online blogger for Cal's newspaper, and whose supposed lack of journalistic integrity is pounced upon by Cal.

Their relationship is a vital cog to the story, with him teaching her the mechanics of journalism. Their chemistry, shorn of the usual romantic interest, works well, with the actress more than capable here of matching Crowe's impressive turn.

In the meantime, strong support from the likes of Mirren, Robin Wright-Penn and Jason Bateman add a high degree of class to the cast.

The script is a similarly classy proposition, maintaining the thriller

elements, while also introducing the political games played by those in power, the power of the press, and the morality of those involved.

Keeping the story uncoiling slowly maintains the tension, but also makes you question who can and cannot be trusted, the layers of intrigue building.

With a background in documentary, Kevin Macdonald's direction is sparing yet stylish, turning Washington into a shadowy world of shady deals and shadier characters.

Maintaining the narrative thrust throughout, Macdonald wastes no time with anything that doesn't bear some relevance to the material, while his handling of the starry cast is superb.

When your main fault with the film is that the central relationship between Affleck and Crowe doesn't sit quite right, it speaks highly of the work on screen, and rightly so.

State of Play is a

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

thriller that is both intelligent and engaging, and will grip you from start to finish.

VERDICT - A taut and compelling work, *State of Play* is an excellent film that keeps you absorbed in the story and characters for the whole of its running time.

Superb performances, in particular from Crowe, Mirren and McAdams, and wonderful direction make this a film worth seeking out. **Recommended.**

WHAT'S ON IN BRIEF

Vale AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a constituency surgery tomorrow (May 1), between 4pm-6pm, at her constituency office, 115 High Street, Barry. No appointments are necessary.

Cowbridge coffee

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian invite the public to join them in the mayor's parlour at the town hall on Saturday, May 2, for a charity coffee morning (10.30am-1pm). Cup of coffee with slice of cake, £2.

Castelland surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Castelland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will hold their monthly

advice surgery this Saturday (May 2), between 10.30am-12pm, at the Drop-In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry. No appointment is necessary.

Contact Chris Elmore on 07867 506116 for further details.

Dyspraxia support

THE next monthly meeting of Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held at Barry Hospital, at 7.30pm, on Monday, May 3.

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Final countdown to a choir's annual concert

SCHEDULED for Saturday, May 16, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's 36th annual concert in Cowbridge Leisure Centre is almost upon us.

This year's guests will be a superb mixed choir from Maesteg. Noteworthy was formed in 2006 by their present musical director, Ryan Wood.

The majority of the choir are performers in their own right, all of whom share a passion for mixed choral singing.

The choir has already performed many prestigious fundraising concerts and will provide an excellent contrast to



ABOVE
Rhian Yamin-Ali.

the male voices of the main performers of the evening.

Ryan Wood is in high demand as an accompanist for a variety of choirs, theatre companies and solo performers, including Only Men Aloud (winners of

the popular TV competition 'Last Choir Standing') and Serendipity (recent winners of Welsh Choir of the Year).

He is currently the musical director of Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society and deputy musical director/accompanist to Cowbridge Male Voice Choir.

The choir's accompanist is Rhian Yamin-Ali, who has also played the piano from a very early age, is proficient with cello and guitar, and has also had voice training.

For the last 10 years, Rhian has been musical director of Cŵr Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch. She is head of music/assistant head at Pencoed Comprehensive School and is responsible for the school concerts and annual productions.

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Mums lazed outside enjoying the sunshine watching the fun.

Our café, Litebites, did a roaring trade - with the new Sunday lunches going down a treat!

The wobble (like a huge bouncy castle) was up in the swimming pool - this will continue every Sunday between the hours of 11am and 1pm.

Our resident children's entertainers, The Krazy Khicks, were on hand to supervise all the fun and

mayhem! They are at the Bar on the Bay every Friday and Saturday evenings from 7.30pm, bringing their own kind of zany humour to proceedings - everyone is welcome.

Mark, the Bar manager, commented: "It is great to see so many families enjoying themselves - the whole place is buzzing. Helen and Cheryl, our Krazy Khicks, have really made such a difference - it just shows that if the children are happy, then the parents are happy, and can enjoy themselves without any stress."

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Deano wins his final point-to-point at Bonvilston

**ON AND OFF THE TURF
with Brian Lee**

COWBRIDGE'S Deano Coleman made his final point-to-point ride a winning one when landing the open maiden race at the Penttyrch Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Redland Farm Racecourse, Bonvilston, on Saturday on Mr Robert Thomas's *Micks Prospect*.

Coleman, now conditional jockey to Aberthyn racehorse trainer Tim Vaughan, had earlier been successful on *Tigu* in the confined race and both horses are trained by Tim's wife Abbi, who has saddled nine point-to-point winners this season.

Tigu, owned by Chris Bolton, won by 12 lengths from *Doctor Supremo*, and *Micks Prospect* proved much too speedy for *Copper Carroll*, coming home some 30 lengths clear.

The Dunraven Windows Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National over three-and-a-half miles was a real cracker with the French-bred *Misamon* getting home by half-a-length from the favourite *Lady Myfanwy*, with *Its Definite* a neck away in third spot.

Misamon's rider, John Mathias from Tenby, made nearly every post a winning one and was chalking up his 13th winner of the season.

Mrs Rae Jones's *Lough Ennel* landed the members' race for the third year in a row, and the 13-year-old chesnut gelding, who has won a total of 13 races, will now be retired.

Lough Ennel's regular partner Liam Payter, who won nine of those races on him, said he will miss riding him again.

Only three horses faced the starter for the ladies' open race and this resulted in another win for Beth Roberts's *Chesnut Annie* who was never headed.

Chesnut Annie has won all of her nine races this season, and on each occasion has been ridden by Welsh ladies' champion Isabel Tompsett.

Michael Keel, a 33-year-old firefighter from Worcestershire, won the restricted race on his father's *Shiela's Legacy* who scored by four lengths from *Holmwood Legend*.

The favourite *Burren Chieftan* might have been unlucky as the rider's saddle slipped on the first circuit, causing him to lose his irons and was eventually pulled up.

Keel, who has ridden a total of 17 winners in 15 years, said that he now intends to give up race-riding.

Rhys Hughes, assistant trainer to Tim Vaughan, won the Dunraven Bowl Hunter Chase at Chepstow on Edna Hussey's *Bob Bites Back*, who beat the Tim Vaughan-trained favourite *Dead Or Alive*, ridden by Deano Coleman, by two lengths.

Bob Bites Back is trained in Bridgend by Swansea hairdresser Robert Scrine, and in last year's renewal had finished a well-beaten fifth when starting a 11-4 favourite. Those who kept faith in the horse this time were rewarded with odds of 17-2.

This Saturday, the Llangeinor Hunt are holding their annual point-to-point races at Laleston, near Bridgend. Racing gets under way with the members' race at 2pm and, as usual, a big crowd is expected.

Beth Roberts, owner and trainer of the prolific *Chesnut Annie*, is bound to have a runner or two and whichever ones she decides to run should be noted.

Her five-year-old *Copper Carroll*, although beaten a long way at the Penttyrch last weekend when finishing second to *Micks Prospect*, is one to note for the future, while stablemate *Twilight Dancer* is another that could spring a surprise before the season ends.

Chesnut Annie has been entered in the ladies' open race at the Banwen Miners meeting at Pentreclywdau near Neath on Monday. There are 21 entries for this race and these include *Grey Kind* and *Bob Bites Back*, who is more likely to go in the men's open for which there are 19 entries.



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AM adds congratulations to 'outstanding' Welsh school



"Longyfarchiadau/congratulations" was the message Assembly Vale AM and Education Minister, Jane Hutt delivered to headteacher, Dr Dylan Jones, staff and pupils of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg at Barry, following their excellent inspection report from Estyn.

The AM visited the new drama block and also met pupils who were composing music for their GCSEs in the well-equipped music suite.

"The inspectors judged that this is a very good school with many outstanding features. I was delighted to have the opportunity to congratulate the whole school on their tremendous success with outstanding leadership resulting in high levels of morale and achievement," Ms Hutt commented.

ABOVE LEFT:
Jane Hutt AM with headteacher Dr Dylan Jones and pupils from year-7.

Disabled youngsters revel in fun football



Pupils from Palmerston and Gwenfo primary schools took part in a six-a-side friendly football match.

A UNIQUE football match has demonstrated how sport draws people together in the Vale.

A mix of boys and girls of all abilities from Palmerston and Gwenfo primary schools played a fun six-a-side friendly game that gave youngsters, some with cerebral palsy, dyspraxia and other conditions, a chance to improve their skills.

used by Grant Kalahar, Vale football development officer, Vale disability sport Wales officer Linda Ruston, and her assistant Simon Jones.

Linda said: "Football is, of course, a fantastic team game that is accessible for all, and the children with disabilities absolutely loved taking part, kicking a ball around and having loads of fun."

"I'm always keen to hear from any other local

youngsters with disabilities who want to play sports, including football."

Palmerston hosted the fixture, and the school's special education needs co-ordinator Bev Hopkins said: "The opportunity for these children to show off their skills in a fun, non-competitive situation was superb and we are all very much looking forward to another match in the summer term."

Martial arts students show their inner spirit!



The students who competed at the event.

STUDENTS of Inner Spirit Rhooose Tae Kwon Do Club competed at the TAGB Welsh area championships at UWIC University campus.

There were clubs from all over Wales competing in preparation for the National Welsh open event which is on May 24. Students who do well at the area championships qualify for the Welsh Open.

In the lightweight

boys and girls category, the club had three fighters, Georgia Shanahan, Jay Munn and Oliver Hales. Oliver had a tough competitor in his first fight, losing narrowly to the winner of the division.

Jay fought three tough fights, eventually losing in the final by a golden point but won silver medal in the process.

Georgia, a former silver medalist on the last event, was unfortunate this time, losing

out, but fought well on the day.

In the Pewee boys division, Liam Padmore won the gold medal! Liam, who previously had won medals at the under-4 foot category, had outgrown this division; he had to go up to compete at the 4ft 6ins division.

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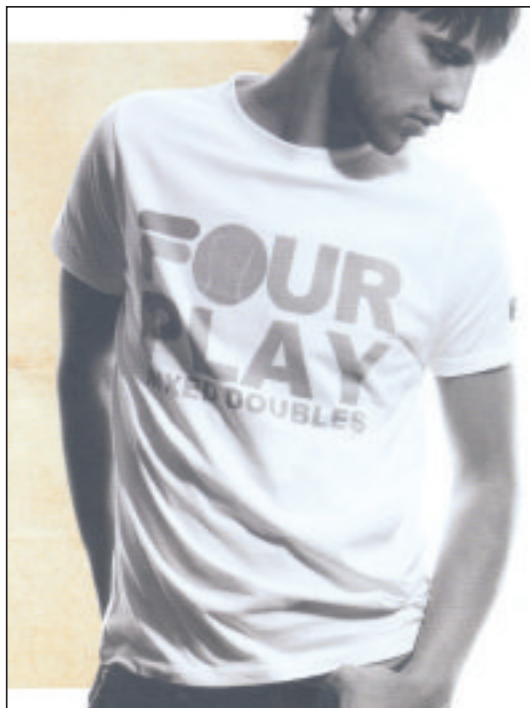
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Bryn Hafren celebrates sporting success

STAFF from the sports department at Bryn Hafren School were celebrating the efforts of both individual pupils, and also the school teams during the year so far.

This new term sees the start of the summer sports, so the girls pictured on these two pages have been out in the cold and the rain, slogging through mud on cross-country courses, or shivering as the cold win cuts across a hockey pitch.

All the girls that is, apart from the ones who chose an indoor sport!

PHOTOS BY IAN DIXON

ABOVE RIGHT:
The year-7
netball team.

RIGHT:
The year-11
netball team.

RIGHT:
The girls who take
part in the 5 x 60
activity programme.

BELOW:
Jumping for joy are
three girls who have
represented Wales
in martial arts.
Left to right are:
Emily Quick (Tae
Kwon Do); Jamie
Leigh Cummings
(Karate) and
Morgan Gomez
(Tae Kwon Do).



Dragon Sport coaches
with Pete Hardwicke.



ABOVE:
The school swimming team.



ABOVE: The school cross-country team.



ABOVE:
The year-10
hockey team.



LEFT:
The year-10
netball team.

Barry girls school has teams of all the talents!



ABOVE:
The Bryn Hafren School football team with coach Kelly Black (back row, centre).



RIGHT:
The year-7 hockey team.



RIGHT:
The street dance team with the trophy they won for taking the Welsh Schools Championship.



RIGHT:
Megan Doyle, who represented Cardiff and the Vale at under-16 hockey.

LEFT:
Tillie Carter who represented Welsh Schools at cross-country.

BELOW:
The year-9 netball team



LEFT:
Rachel Cosier, who represented the Welsh Schools at cross-country.

**PHOTOS
BY
IAN DIXON**

Youngsters (and parents) celebrate work and play

THESE pictures were taken during the recent language and play/maths and play course at Palmerston Nursery.

The children and their parents proudly show off the certificates they received on completion of the course.

- Typical comments from parents on the course:
- "It was really nice to get involved and find out how I can help my child with reading and writing. I really enjoyed meeting other mums, too!"
- "It helped me to connect better with my child. We do activities together and learn at the same time."
- "The best part was learning different ways to teach children and make it fun!"
- "I truly enjoyed it!"



Neve's dad came along to several sessions and enjoyed helping Neve with the activities.

RIGHT:
Rebecca, Lia, Sonny and Bradley enjoyed singing about their 'Five Sticky Lollipops'!



BELOW RIGHT:
Bradley and Mum; Sonny and Nan; Rebecca and Mum; Mrs Jackson (course leader); Molly and Mummy; Miss Frazer (nursery teacher).
Front: Lia and Mum.



ABOVE:
Brenna Morgan, who represented Wales at Tae Kwon Do.



LEFT:
Natalie, Neve and their mums.

Young tennis players ready to serve up championship treat

VALE youngsters are dusting off their racquets ready for the county's Primary Schools Tennis championships next month.

The championships are organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team in partnership with Tennis Wales.

"Teams of four players will compete and the winners in three age groups - year-3 and under, year-5 and under, year-6 and under - will then advance to represent the Vale in the regional finals later this summer," a council spokeswoman said.

The championships will be held at: Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club, May 7 - Year-6 and under.
Windsor Lawn Tennis Club, May 14 - Year-5 and under.
Penarth Lawn Tennis Club, May 12 - Year-3 and under.



A young tennis ace practices his skills in preparation for the Vale Primary Schools Tennis championships.

The Ospreys pack down with Ty Hafan for benefit match!

THE Ospreys have announced details of a unique partnership between the region and Ty Hafan, which it is anticipated could raise as much as £40,000 for the charity before the end of the season.

The initiative was launched at the hospice in Sully, when the whole squad, including star players such as Ryan Jones, Shane Williams, James Hook and Gavin Henson, swooped in to visit the patients and their families.

To mark their visit, every player also left their hand mark and signature on a special commemorative wall, alongside previous famous visitors such as the Prince of Wales, Katherine Jenkins and Joe Calzaghe.

The partnership will see the Ospreys' Magners League clash against Glasgow on the weekend of May 8-10, being billed as a Ty Hafan Benefit Match, with bosses at the region handing £3 from every full price adult ticket sold for the game (£1 per child/OAP ticket) via the Liberty Stadium Ticket Office to the charity.

In addition to this, the Ospreys have presented Ty Hafan with a substantial allocation of tickets for the game, which are a mixture of all values including hospitality, allowing them to sell them and keep all revenues raised.

A collection of valuable signed memorabilia has also been handed over by the squad, which will be used as auction and raffle prizes, boosting Ty Hafan's coffers even further.

Paul Thorburn, strategic development manager at the Ospreys, said: "Ty Hafan is a fantastic facility that has benefited so many people, and we are honoured to be able to show our support in this way."

"We appreciate that during difficult economic times it can be hard for organisations such as Ty Hafan to generate the income that is needed, just as members of the public who would like to assist may find it difficult to find the spare cash to donate."

"By partnering with Ty Hafan in this way, we are both raising the profile of such a worthy cause, and also, by dedicating the Glasgow match as a Ty Hafan Benefit Match, we are allowing our supporters to give to a good cause simply by coming along to cheer on the Ospreys."

"Our supporters have always shown their support for the various charity initiatives that we have backed over the years. I have no doubt that, once again, they will turn out in numbers to support Ty Hafan and help to make a real difference to the hundreds of families in Wales who so desperately rely on their service."

Ray Hurcombe, chief executive, Ty Hafan, said: "I am absolutely delighted that the Ospreys have chosen Ty Hafan for this benefit match."

"I know that many of our children and staff are avid Ospreys fans and they are very excited to meet the team."

"Therefore, I would like to thank the squad for taking the time to come and visit us. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association with the Ospreys and wish them every success for the rest of the season."

Ospreys captain Ryan Jones said that the visit had moved the entire squad: "The whole experience was a very humbling one for everybody in the squad. To meet the children and families who rely on the services provided by Ty Hafan and to see first hand their courage, attitude and sense of humour, despite their problems, certainly makes you put things in perspective."

"Everybody at the Ospreys is fully behind this new partnership and we really hope that our supporters also back the charity and buy tickets for the Glasgow match in order to help what is an extremely worthwhile Welsh cause."

Llantwit Major Surf Life Saving Club - offers something for everyone

WHETHER you are looking to boost fitness, develop new skills, make new friends or just give something back to the community, from eight to 88 years - Llantwit Major SLSC has something for you.

The main aim of the club is to provide a voluntary lifeguard service on Llantwit Major beach during the summer, but the club is about much more than just giving people the skills to save lives at sea; the club has a keen sports and social side that continues throughout the year.

For youngsters from eight to 12 years, we have the nipper section of the club. During the winter on Thursdays, the nippers train in the fantastic pool at St Athan Camp between 6pm-7pm, while eager swimmers compete in the Stillwater competitions held at 50m pools such as Swansea and Cardiff.

The nippers move to train on the beach at Barry Island during the summer (from May to September) where they learn sea swimming skills, board paddling and beach sports such as 'flags' and sprints.

The junior section is for young people between 12 and 18 years. Juniors also swim at St Athan on Thursdays, the younger ones swim from 6pm-7pm, the older ones from 7pm-8pm, and the juniors also compete in a range of still water competitions.

The juniors also train at Barry Island during the summer months. Along with sea swimming and beach training, they train on the larger paddle boards and surf skis (similar to sea kayaks).

The juniors also help out with the lifeguard patrols on Llantwit beach during the summer,

where the senior members pass on valuable sea skills.

Juniors are encouraged to take competency tests that prove their ability at sea, and at 16-years-old juniors can take their lifeguard qualification known as the NARS.

During the summer, the older juniors, seniors and masters (from 18 upwards) voluntarily patrol the beach at Llantwit Major. They are trained by the club to become qualified lifeguards.

To keep fit, the seniors and masters train at St Athan pool throughout the year between 8pm-9pm; they also train in the sea on the surf skis and paddle boards, either for competing in the range of beach competitions held across the UK or purely for the pleasure of getting out on the water on a warm summer's day.



Mathew Robinson and Rebecca Rees - surf ski paddlers who have gone to represent their country.

From the age of 16 onwards, members can compete in a national league during the summer, with regular week-ends away to Devon and Cornwall.

If you would like to find out more about what the club can offer you, then please go to our website: www.llantwitmajorslsc.org.uk. With summer just around the corner, now is the perfect time to get involved.

The crews launch from the slipway at

Wick in tough match with Cornish side

WICK Rugby Club travelled to England last weekend to play St Day, Redruth, who play in the Cornish league, Division Two.

St Day has a long history, having been established in 1894. Wick RFC has never been beaten by an English side, and so there was a lot at stake.

The tourists took early points through the boot of Dan Powell, due to St Day indiscipline at the break down. The home side set their stall out early, and it was obvious that this fixture was going to be a bruising encounter.

Further indiscipline at the breakdown resulted in this season's top point

scorer, Dan Powell, slotting another three points. (0-6 at half-time).

Most of the game was played in the middle 50-metre section, and it didn't look as if the game was going to produce a try until a speculative chip ahead by man-of-the-match, John Cooper, was gathered by speedster Mike Sims, and converted by Powell.

The game was concluded on a feisty note five minutes early. Final score 0-13.

Coach Creed was happy with the result, but less happy with the fact that players Miles Martin and Neil Parkinson were struck down by a mysterious illness on the morning of the game, leaving the back line with no replacements on the bench.

Thanks were extended to Bryn and Jake McNaughton who stood in, and helped the visitors by playing for them. Gifts were exchanged at The St Day Inn to mark the occasion, and everybody enjoyed the displays of both sides' post-match celebrations.

This Saturday (May 2), Wick RFC travel to Llanharan, to play Heol-y-Cyw in the final of the inaugural Barry Morris Plate Competition.

Forwards: J Birkett, J McNaughton, W Cooke, M Thomas, S Graham, C Davies, N Phillips, M Lewis, T Lewis, R Thomas, L McNaughton, C Lewis.

Backs: D Clark, D Powell, B McNaughton, J Cooper, M Sims, K Roberts, L Berningham.



ABOVE: Despite on-pitch problems, at least the players are in tune off it!

Barry Athletic start new season with friendly win

A MIXED afternoon of weather caused some disruption to a fine match between Barry Athletic CC and Rogerstone CC, witnessed by a large crowd at the Barry Oval.

Due to the poor weather, the match referee was forced to re-schedule the start of the match to 2.30pm.

However, this did not dampen the players' spirits as play did eventually commence.

Rogerstone skipper, B Hourahne, won the toss and elected to field.

A bright start from opening batsmen, Nathan Baker and Lee Morgan, got the Stags up and running, with over five runs per over coming from the first 10 overs.

Things were looking good, until Lee attempted a slog sweep and was caught for a well-worked 37.

There were some fine performances and Nathan Baker will feel disappointed for not reaching his second ton in succession. He was given out lbw. Despite that, Nathan managed to make a deserving 80 from as many deliveries.

There were also some fine batting displays from skipper Ian Gadd (42), Anjan Ahmed (26) and Andrew Buckland (34 n/o). Barry managed to reach an impressive 248-5 from their 40 overs.

The half-time interval was dominated by the return of legendary tea lady, Nicola Baker, who holds the title for 'Dish of the Season' from the 2008 season. She put on an impressive set of food for the players to enjoy.

The entertainment was organised by current Hull City FC chairman, Peter Hellyar, as a selection of players (including Boaz Myhill and captain, Ian Ashbee) were special

guests in a charity event of 'A Question of Sport'. Everyone clearly enjoyed the occasion, and more than £5,000 was raised for the Bradback's Thai Fund Group.

The second innings was under way, with the opening attack of Simon Phillips and Mitchell Taylor-Moore. The Rogerstone batsmen failed to cope with the Stags' pacemen.

Despite the decent knocks from A Trinder and M Asif, the bowlers completely dominated with notable performances from father, Martin Baker - only conceding two runs from four overs - and son, Ashley Baker with an outstanding figures of 6.3-0-26-4.

Ashley, like brother Nathan, was unlucky not to pick up his first five-wicket haul of his career from a debatable decision from the match umpire.

However, Barry were

on top during the course of the second innings and bowled Rogerstone out for a disappointing 139.

The Stags begin the 2009 season next week, with the 1st XI hosting Vale CC and the 2nd XI visiting high flyers, Panteg CC.

● The Stags are proud to announce that former skipper, Martin Baker, has given into temptation and decided to take on the role as 2nd XI captain.

This news has come as a shock as many thought that the game against Hoovers CC at the Barry Oval would be his last in Stag colours.

Martin has agreed to a final one-year contract, which will expire in August 2009, and then a replacement will have to be found after Martin finally hangs up his spikes and calls it a day in his cricket career.

ASHLEY BAKER

Barry Comprehensive on course for national football trophy glory

BARRY Comprehensive's under-16 boys' football team are looking to be crowned Welsh champions at the national finals of the Minute Maid Welsh Schools Cup on May 9-10 at New Saints FC, Oswestry.

The boys have come through a tough national knock-out competition to reach the final, and will play Ysgol Brynrefail, Caernarfon, for the title.

The squad comprises: Luke Walsh, Jordan

Prosser, Tom Moffat, David Bryan, Sam Adamson, Ben Stait, Andrew Gurd, Rhys Davies, Ryan Newman, Chad Clark, Kyle Lewis, Dominic Toozer, Ethan Dicks and Seon

Shakespeare. More than 180 teams from all over Wales have been competing for the prestigious title of Welsh Schools Champions. Gerry Stacey, director of Coca Cola Enterprises

Limited (Wales and West) commented: "We're delighted to see Barry Comprehensive in the national finals again and wish them every success."



RIGHT: The Barry Comprehensive under-16s squad.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Dodging bullets and spent shells alongside the Epynt Way!

RECENTLY, leader Phil John and 10 walkers travelled up to Llanfihangel Nant Bran in Powys.

This picturesque small village derives its name from the Nant Bran river and the 16th century village church dedicated to St Michael – and consists of around a dozen houses, the church and a farm.

The Nant Bran river is a short one which rises on the southern slopes of Mynydd

Epynt, flowing through Llanfihangel Nant Bran, en route to meet up with the River Usk at Aberbrân, some three miles west of Brecon; and is designated a special area of conservation for various rare fish.

Setting out from the village hall, the group followed the Nant Bran river for a short distance before climbing up onto higher ground, where they stopped for morning refreshments.

Afterwards, they continued along the ridge to join a gravel track that would take them towards the Epynt range.

This part of Powys is predominantly sheep country and spring lambs were in abundance as the group saw the only person they would encounter all day, in the shape of a farmer and his dogs out tending the sheep.

In 1940, the Ministry of Defence bought a great deal of land in the area to set up a training camp for soldiers.

Around 40,000 soldiers pass through Epynt ranges each year, and many of their exercises include the use of live bullets and ammunition, so members of the public are excluded from many areas for their own safety.

Just prior to reaching the artillery range, the group stopped to read some notices regarding safety procedures before joining the Epynt Way.

The long distance path of the Epynt Way is not a public right of way, but a permissive path set up by the Ministry of Defence, and its route here cir-

cumnavigates the edge of the firing range, where the results of firing were very much in evidence as the ground was littered with spent shells.

Walking through a delightful wood, the group stopped for lunch near the old farmhouse at Tir-cyd as by now the sun had broken through, as the clouds disappeared.

Refreshed, they walked a short stretch of lane before joining a bri-

dleway to open access land and rough moorland walking.

Seeing something in the distance, they deviated to investigate and found a selection of military equipment, including helmets (some with night lights) and a wrist altimeter.

After some discussion, it was decided to place the items in a plastic bag and leave it at the trig point nearby, where it could easily be located, as the leader

would contact the Sennybridge Operations Room upon his return home.

Reaching Llyn Dwr, they left the lake via a bridge path where the views were sensational, turning into the pretty Cwm Erchan for the return back to their start.

On May 2, meet at 10am at Cosmeston visitor centre for a bus ride to Sully and a 5-mile easy/moderate linear walk back via Hayes Point and the coast; con-

tact Colin/Eileen on 029 2070 5867.

On May 3, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8-mile moderate walk at Parc Penallta; contact Janet/John on 01446 418514.

Please note the extra mid-week walk on May 5. Meet at 10am outside Cardiff Central railway station for a 4 or 5-mile easy urban walk; contact Harry on 029 2070 1818.

Wear suitable cloth-

ing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto

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Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Simon Berni, 33 Station Road, Dinas Powys – erection of front entrance porch and single storey rear extension.

Mr Gareth Chalk, 14 Cwrt Ty Mawr, Penarth – loft conversion, including raising ridge of existing roof and erection of dormers.

Mr Neil Fox and Mr Mike Caplan-Hill, The Italian Shelter, The Esplanade, Penarth – signage intended to advertise the new restaurant.

Mr A Hayes, 2 Hollyrood Close, Highlight Park, Barry – single storey conservatory extension to rear of property and loft conversion with dormer roof to provide additional bedroom/study.

Mr Wells, 39 Park Crescent, Barry – change of use to all-female gymnasium with hours of opening 6am-10pm and associated coffee shop opening 8am-7pm.

Ms N Hall, 4 Bryn Y Mor, West Aberthaw – single and two-storey extension to rear.

Mrs B Weekes, Hillbrow, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major – Norway Maple Crimmon King: crown clean and reduce and rebalance by 15m. Ash: remove secondary and tertiary branches over roof of next door house (crown removal)

Mr Mike Hillberg, 30 Penlan Road, Llandough – single storey rear extension.

Mrs S Summers, 36 Clinton Road, Penarth – erection of first floor extension to existing granny annex for home business use.

Vale of Glamorgan Council, Fairfield Primary School, Dryden Road, Penarth – erection of monopitch shelter.

Mrs L Davies, 10 Lloyd Avenue, Barry – single storey ground floor extension to form dining room and family room.

Mr Atkins, 120 South Road, Sully – single storey extension to rear.

Mr Gareth James, Westra Lodge, The Westra, Dinas Powys – new two-storey four-bedroom detached house with vehicular access, water and mains

supply being compliant to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4.

Mr David Thomas, Newton House Farm, Newton – new combined straw storage and dry bedded cattle in-wintering building.

Mr Wayne Owen, Croes Cwta Farmhouse, Castle Upon Alum – small extension adjoining existing dwelling and outbuilding. To provide new living storage, bedroom accommodation and minor landscaping.

Mr and Mrs Phillips, 7 Lee Close, Dinas Powys – Re-pollard Lime.

Prof N Fisher and Mrs S Fisher, 14 Cwrt-y-Vil Road, Penarth – rear

and side single storey extension and double garage to rear.

Mr Eleri Davies, Pengelli Farmhouse, Prisk, Cowbridge – alterations to residential dwelling, including new detached garage.

Mr Paul Langford, 1 East View, Llandow, Cowbridge – extension and alteration of dwelling.

Mr David and Mrs Dorothy Hayes, Pearlfisher, 10 Somerset View, Sully – erection of single storey extension to rear.

Mr Keith Parfitt, 23 Greave Close, Wenvoe – construct first floor to existing bungalow, double garage to replace existing garage with

new access off Tarris Lane and change of use to garden area.

Mr Christian Pedersen, rear of Unit 42, Vale Business Park, Cowbridge – portal frame shed for drying and storage of wood fuel.

Mr and Mrs D Thomas, Tresaison Cottage, St Mary Hill – two storey extensions to sides and rear and demolition of conservatory.

Mike Thomas, Tithe Barn, Upper Farm, Rhooose Road, Rhooose – single storey duopitch sun lounge to link existing dwelling with detached annexe.

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Sully – use of existing tarmac area for sports training. Erection of 3.6-metre high fence and seven floodlights on 6-metre high columns.

Dunraven Estates, Dunraven Park gates adjoining Seamount Lodge, Southerndown – replace the existing main gate and missing side gate and posts with new version based on the existing.

Mr VA Randall, 22 Hillside Drive, Cowbridge – two storey extension to rear.

Mr Kevin Blake, 3 Church View Close, Llandough – two storey side extension and dormer window to front.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

Developments in Conservation Areas

Application No: 2009/00365/FUL
Proposal: Erection of front entrance porch and single storey rear extension
Location: 33, Station Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area: Dinas Powys

Application No: 2009/00367/ADV
Proposal: Signage intended to advertise the proposed new restaurant
Location: The Italian Shelter, The Esplanade, Penarth
Conservation Area: Penarth

Application No: 2009/00381/FUL
Proposal: Rear and side single storey extension and double garage to rear
Location: 14, Cwrt-y-Vil Road, Penarth
Conservation Area: Penarth

Application No: 2009/00388/FUL
Proposal: Single storey duo-pitch sun lounge to link existing dwelling with detached annexe
Location: Tithe Barn, Upper Farm, Rhooose Road, Rhooose
Conservation Area: Rhooose

Listed Building Consent

Application No: 2009/00390/LBC
Proposal: Replace the existing main gate and missing side gate and posts with new versions based on the existing Dunraven Park Gates adjoining Seamount Lodge, Southerndown
Location: Southerndown
Listed Building: Grade II

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way

Application No: 2009/00378/FUL
Proposal: Proposed new combined straw storage and dry bedded cattle in-wintering building
Location: Newton House Farm, Newton

Departure from the Provision of the Development Plan

Application No: 2009/00377/FUL
Proposal: A new two storey 4 bedroom detached house with vehicular access, water and mains supply being compliant to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4
Location: Westra Lodge, The Westra, Dinas Powys

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 14 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

Dated: 30th April, 2009

Rob Thomas

Head of Planning and Transportation

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DELIGHT FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Vale Karate celebrate five Scottish titles

THE Scottish International Open, held at Edinburgh's Meadowbank stadium, once again lived up to its reputation as one of Britain's biggest events with 800 competitors from 10 countries present.

Saturday was dedicated to all adult and 16 and 17-year-old categories. Only two of Vale Karate's 13-strong squad were therefore in action, but with dramatic results.

Kumite coach Gareth Reynolds, stepping up his preparation for the Senior European Championships, which take place in Zagreb in May, was contesting the high quality under-65kg event.

Gareth fought his way through four rounds to eventually meet England's Paul James in the final.

Like Gareth, Paul is a former British Champion and so a match of quality was assured.

Gareth had the edge in the final to take Wales' first gold medal of the day.

Rhys Davies (16), was entering these championships for the fourth time.

In 2006 he won the under-14 -55kg category. Moving up to the under 16-63 kg in 2007 he was again champion.

His hat-trick of titles came last year, when he was champion in the Under 16 +70kg event.

Now competing in the under-18 +70kg category, his event featured many of Britain's top 16 and 17-year-olds, including Scotland's Craig McDonald and England's Saul Del Rio, both like Rhys having recently represented their countries at the Junior European

Championships in Paris. Remarkably Rhys has not lost to a Briton for well over a year and kept that statistic intact as he smoothly progressed to the final where he beat Del Rio 7-1.

Sunday was dedicated to the children's events and once again Vale Karate were in the thick of the action.

Chloe Fry (nine), and eight-year-old Kloe Christoforato have met several times in Kata finals but never at such a huge event.

However, the possibility of an all-Vale final became a reality as Kloe beat an English girl, and Chloe an Armenian, in their respective semi-finals.

In the final, Chloe was judged to have the edge to give her the title.

She later proved her all-round ability by winning the under-10 girls Kumite event! Kloe again underlined her potential by taking a Kumite bronze.

Luke Davies, who took the gold medal in the under-16 -52kg category, won Vale Karate's fifth title of the weekend.

Leah Copeland, in her second tournament since her individual Kumite comeback, won a silver in the Girls 13-15 -48kg event.

Nick Sherrin earned a bronze in the 10-11 -45kg category, and Bradley Christoforato took a well deserved bronze in the 10-12 boys Kata event.

In the 10-12 boys team event, the Welsh Karate Bushi-kai's Tom O'Leary stepped in alongside Bradley and Lewis, helping Vale Karate to another bronze medal.



ABOVE:
Kloe Christoforato and
Chloe Fry.

THE new summer term started last Monday (April 20) and, because of the ever greater time demands of the external examination system, pupils in the Cardiff & Vale Schools district are pitched straight into track and field action.

The association held its annual general meeting right at the end of last term and there was one significant change in the officers.

Mrs Kath Elias, a member of the Llantwit PE department from 1994 to her retirement in summer 2007, has been associated with local schools athletics organisations since the late 1960s, and since the formation of the Cardiff & Vale district in April 1996, she was chairman for the first five years. She followed that up, from 2001, by taking on the post of General Secretary.

At the 2009 AGM, Mrs Elias stood down and was replaced by former international hurdler Rachel King, who teaches at Cardiff High.

The Vale schools still contribute to the association's key personnel with Mr Rob Graves (St Cyres) continuing as chairman and staff from Bro Morgannwg, Cowbridge, Llantwit, St Richard Gwyn and Stanwell sitting on the executive committee.

There are five weeks before half-term and local pupils will be involved in a different activity every week.

On April 22, the Senior Cup Final, a fixture for pupils in year-11

and above, was held at the replacement athletics stadium at Leckwith, named the Cardiff International Sports Stadium.

That fixture is the first track and field competition at the new stadium – and the schools' association was very much a test body of the stadium's capabilities, as it holds three of the first four fixtures.

Since 2000, two Vale schools have enjoyed considerable success at the Senior Cup Final.

Cowbridge have won the boys' competition six times and the girls' section once, while Llantwit, under the guidance of Mrs Elias, won the senior girls' trophy on a history-breaking four consecutive occasions.

The Cowbridge boys were hoping for a third consecutive victory but they would have to make that progress without the inspirational leadership of Mr Hugh Williams, who retired last summer.

Although Llantwit were organising this year's event, their girls are going through a rebuilding process and were not expected to win. St Cyres and Bro Morgannwg were also due to compete, with the Colcot Road expected to figure prominently.

This was followed by the senior championships for sixth formers, held on yesterday (Wednesday, April 29) with the middle championships, for pupils in year-10 and year-11, on the following day (today), both at new Leckwith.

Although these are early season fixtures, performances will have a major bearing on the selection of the Cardiff & Vale team for the Welsh

VALE OF GLAMORGAN DISTRICT under-15s CARDIFF A

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THE coaching staff and team management would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Vale under-15 rugby squad on the fantastic performance in the National Schools Rugby Competition (Amdahl Bowl) on Saturday, April 25 at St Helens, Swansea.

The Vale managed to secure a 34-15 win over Cardiff A with what can only be described as the best performance of the season.

The squad certainly

kept the best to last and ensured that the trophy travelled home to the Vale for 2008/09.

A special thanks goes to Tom Perry, who captained the team this sea-

son, and to Zak Deere, who has been pack leader.

All squad players should be very proud of their performance in the final, and throughout the season, as they have been fine ambassadors for the Vale of Glamorgan District and the associated schools

they represent.

Details of this match and other related features for the season can be found at the following web site kindly supported by Barry Boys Comprehensive School www.barrycomp.com/va/lerugby.

HUW DAVIES
(Under-15 coach)



ABOVE: The team pose with the trophy.

Looking forward to the Cardiff and Vale Schools summer athletic programme

Schools' national championships, on July 4.

The Combined Events championships, for seniors (sixth form), middles and juniors (years-8 and year-9) are being staged on May 6.

Last year, because the fixture was held at Jenner Park, which only has one high jump bed, some age group competitions had to be held over only four events, rather than the usual pentathlons.

The return of the fixture to Leckwith means that all competitions will be pentathlons.

However, a record number of just under 200 pupils competed at Jenner last year, and that may be hard act to match this time.

There is a break from schools' track and field action in the week beginning Monday, May 11, but the association marks the end of the winter season with the staging of the annual Cross-Country Presentation Evening at a Barry venue on the evening of Tuesday, May 12.

The final week before half term sees action at Jenner Park with three qualifying matches for the under-15s (year-8 and year-9).

At each fixture, the leading six athletes in each event will progress through to the 18 athlete finals meeting, which will be held at Leckwith on the Tuesday after half term, June 2.

With the senior, middle and junior championships completed, the second week after half term is taken up with six under-14 (year-7 and year-8) and under-16 (year-9 and year-10) cup matches, with the winning schools in each section qualifying for the A

Cup Final on Tuesday, June 16, and the second placed schools taking part in the B Cup Final on Thursday, June 18, both at Jenner Park.

The A Cup Finals are particularly important because they are qualifiers for the NASUWT Cymru Welsh Schools Finals at Brecon on July 8.

The Cardiff & Vale winners take part in the NASUWT Cup Final while the second place schools contest the Plate Final.

No Vale schools qualified for the Welsh finals in 2008, but Bro Morgannwg created history in 2007 by winning three of the four Welsh Finals, the first time that a school has won more than two sections on the same day.

In past years, the final Cardiff & Vale championships, for year-7 pupils, has been held as an all-day event, starting at 10 am and finishing at 5 pm.

That pattern will be broken this year with separate afternoon competitions being held for boys and girls.

The boys will be in action at Jenner Park on Wednesday, June 24, with the girls competing at the same venue on Tuesday, June 30.

Sandwiched between those two year-7 competitions are the first of the Welsh Schools championships – the combined events, which will be held for the first time at the university track off the Mumbles Road in Swansea.

Cardiff & Vale team managers, Mr Rhys Beynon (Bro Morgannwg) and Miss Sarah Barry (Cowbridge), will be

hoping to field a record size squad of more than fifty athletes, and are looking to better the two team titles, senior girls and junior boys, which were won in 2008 at Carmarthen.

As Barry year-11 pupil Curtis Matthews showed when he finished second in the middle boys section on that occasion, a good performance at this meeting can lead to international honours at the SIAB indoor combined events international at Glasgow in December.

The second Welsh Schools' championships, the 62nd national track and field championships, will be held at new Leckwith on Saturday, July 4.

It will be the first time that the event has been staged in the city since 2001 and, if the Cardiff & Vale Schools offer to 'host' is accepted, it will be the first time that the association has undertaken that role under its current format as a district.

When the 48th Nationals were held at old Leckwith in 1995, it was South Glamorgan Schools' Athletics Association which was the hosting body.

For the first time since the late 90s, the event will also have a commercial sponsor, with insurance group AVIVA backing this event and the national cross-country championships in February for a four year period leading up to the 2012 Olympics.

Although the Nationals are a very important team competition – with Dyfed and Cardiff & the Vale usually being the lead candidates for the overall points trophy – it also provides an important

stepping stone for individuals on the pathway to Welsh and GB international honours at under-20 and senior levels.

This year, the spotlight will be firmly on the under-17 age group (year-10 and year-11) as, for financial reasons, there are no under-20 internationals planned.

Welsh Schools has two major competition for that under-17 age group. On Saturday, July 18, the top two Welsh athletes in each event will be competing in a full track and field programme against the best pupils from All-Ireland Schools, English Schools and Scottish Schools at the SIAB international in Ulster.

The final international fixture, the athletics element of the fourth UK School Games, will be held at new Leckwith over the weekend of September 5-6.

The UK School Games, hosted by Swansea, Cardiff and Newport, will be the biggest multi-sports competition to be held in Wales since the 1958 Empire and Commonwealth Games were staged at the old Cardiff Arms Park.

In addition to the opportunities for competitors, it will require a huge army of local volunteers and will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for spectators to come and watch pupils, some of whom are likely to go on to make their mark at senior international level on the world stage in years to come.

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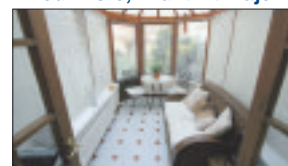
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The LifeStyle Porthkerry Plod has cemented its place as a highlight of the local sporting calendar with over 150 runners tackling this year's race.

Now in its fourth year, the five-mile event challenged club and novice runners to race around a multi-terrain course at Porthkerry Park in Barry that takes in fields, hills, roads, woodlands and coastal paths.

The Plod was sponsored by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's LifeStyle health and fitness gyms, based at the leisure centres in Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major. LifeStyle operations manager Jonathan Rogers said: "We enjoyed welcoming entrants into our gyms as part of their training for the Plod and hope we helped to give them a bit of extra endurance to get up those hills!"

Penarth and Dinas Runners is a small but enthusiastic group of runners of all abilities based at Penarth leisure centre, and new runners are always welcome. For details, please visit www.penarthand-dinasrunners.org.uk.

Romilly bowlers get in groove for new season

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club started their new season with the club captain Brian Foscolo calling all members together on Saturday to welcome the new members to the club.

He set the challenge for the day's match, the club team vs the A team, on five rinks and 21 ends.

On a cloudy day with a few short showers, the players took to the new season green with relish and some surprising results were the outcome.

Alan Bryan's rink of H Jones, R Hewitson and J Jones had a big win

against Bryn Gough's team of D Cameron, R Smallcombe and B Jones, with 29-12.

B Wyatt's team of A Bumford, A Burge and G Rees, also had a big win with a pair of 5s on the way against Alf Woolcock's team of D Ford, A Dobbs and P Herbert, with a score of 29-17.

Brian Foscolo's rink of M Newman, D Bannister and M Doyle, won their rink against Bill Hewitt's team of D Knight, K Westgate and G Whittaker by 18-13.

D Wright's rink of A Freeman, R Harkus and A Jones, against Brian Cheal's team of G Eastmont J Coles and C

Davies had a tight finish after the A team led from the start to the 17th end.

The club side then drew level on the 18th, and were then two up on the 20th. However, the A side then secured a 2 on the last, for a 17-17 draw.

Clive Collins' rink of C Geen, P Gershenson and M Gershenson had a nightmare of a game, going down 10-26 against Vince McFarlands rink of P Hoad, T Bloomfield and K Clements.

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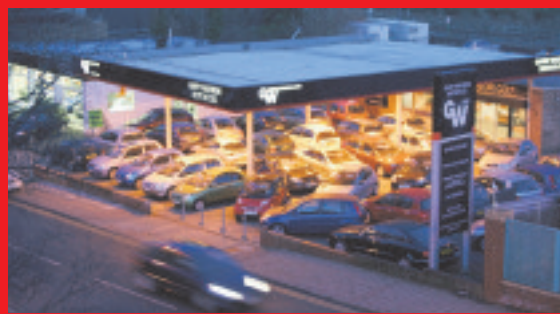
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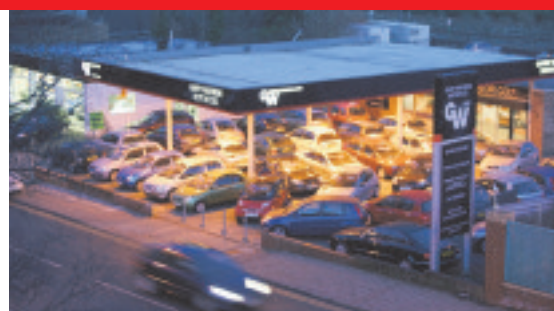
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Dinas Powys use the elements for fine victory

Welsh League Division One
DINAS POWYS 3
CROESYCEILIOG 1

THE result on Saturday eased the threat of getting caught up in the relegation dog-fight, with Dinas deservedly winning having used the wind more effectively.

With the gusting wind behind them, Dinas had the better start with Marcus Madder on the right side of midfield doing well, and the strong running of Liam Beattie up front causing the visitors' defence problems.

As early as the first minute, Nathan Hosgood and Beattie combined well with Hosgood forcing keeper John Bailey into a save at the expense of a corner.

Croesyceiliog's Ryan Fahey then had an opportunity to shoot, but blazed over before Dinas got the opener. They won the ball in midfield, and a good pass enabled Beattie to run through the defence and beat the advancing keeper from just inside the area.

Just two minutes later, Beattie again got the better of the defence but this time they scrambled back to clear off the line.

Croesyceiliog were finding it difficult to put together any meaningful attacks against the strong wind. Rhodri Foote and Beattie both missed scoring opportunities, but then Beattie was put through and went past the keeper, he was brought down in the area with the referee awarding a penalty.

Nathan Hosgood placed his shot too near the keeper who could only push the ball back to him and he gratefully tucked away the rebound. Dinas went in satisfied with a deserved two-goal lead.

It was the visitors' turn to have the help of the wind and they penned Dinas back at the start of the half. They scored after just three minutes when a Jamie Jenkins free-kick caught the Dinas keeper flat-footed and the ball crept just inside the near post to give them the start they needed.

A couple of minutes later, Dinas were grateful to Rhodri Foote for his intervention in clearing a goal-bound effort, and then Jamie Jenkins headed over from a corner.

The home side were finding it difficult to get the ball forward into the gusting wind, but when they did the visitors' defence just managed to clear the ball.

Croesyceiliog's cause wasn't helped when forward Jody Jenkins was sent off for dissent, but still came close when a corner was headed against the crossbar and Dinas keeper Alex Skinner saved with his legs from substitute Daniel Jenkins.

Three minutes into added time, Dinas made sure of all three points when Rhodri Foote challenged the keeper for a high speculative ball. The ball hit Foote somewhere on his body and rolled into the net, the referee checking with his linesman that no hand was involved before awarding the goal.

ENTO ABERAMAN 2
DINAS POWYS 1

ON April 22, Dinas ran promotion hopefuls Aberaman close in this encounter at Aberaman Park.

Dinas showed no fear against their high flying opponents, and Mark Greedy had the first effort on goal but his effort was blocked.

The home side struck back with Chris Summers shooting wide, but the visitors almost opened the scoring when another typical run from Liam Beattie took him well into the penalty area. He was forced to shoot from a difficult angle with home keeper Neil Collins parrying the shot and his defence completing the clearance.

With the first-choice keeper out injured, Alex Skinner made his first start of the season and did well to save a header from Geraint Passmore.

At the other end, when the home defence dithered, Mark Greedy's persistence enabled him to get a foot to the ball just before the keeper, but he could only watch as the ball ran just wide of the post.

On 20 minutes, the Dinas defence didn't deal with a free-kick into their penalty area and prolific scorer Chris Summers shot low into the corner of the net to open the scoring.

Dinas struck back with Dan Jose heading wide and when Liam Beattie picked the ball up on the left, he beat the keeper on the edge of the area - only to see his shot cleared off the line.

Just before half-time, Dinas should have scored the equaliser they deserved. Sammi Misbah's well-struck corner was met by Martin Naughton at the near post, but his effort flew over the bar from barely three yards.

Aberaman came out more determined in the second-half and Dinas keeper Skinner saved well from Jon Phillips.

The visitors had been employing the offside trap effectively until 15 minutes into the second half when Summers broke through. The keeper did well to push away his first effort but could do nothing about his second shot to put Aberaman two goals up.

To their credit, Dinas came back and 10 minutes later, Nathan Hosgood picked the ball up on the right, beat the home defence and left the keeper sprawling before slotting home. It gave them a glimmer of hope of getting something out of the game.

It wasn't to be and having run themselves into the ground, they failed to get the equaliser they probably deserved.

Dinas officials could only look on in admiration at the progress made with the facilities at Aberaman Park over the last year and hope to improve their own in the future.

Forthcoming fixtures: Welsh League Division One, Saturday, May 2, Bridgend Town v Dinas Powys (kick-off 2.30pm).

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Central bowlers off to a flyer in centenary year

THIS year is the centenary of Barry Central Bowling Club and it was appropriate that the first game of the season was a friendly against local neighbours Cadoston who celebrated their centenary last year.

In a game that was reduced to 15 ends due to the weather, Barry Central came out on top with a win, beating their opponents on their home green by 72-48.

In particular, mention must go to the Jack Hopkins' rink who had an excellent victory of 20-5 which gave Central an overall advantage on the day.

Results: Rink 1 - D Evans, A Cule, M Curtis and J Davies 14; G Young, J Bratcher, D Parsons and J Bergland 12.

Rink 2 - A Brown, D Tuck, H Hellyar and G Brown 5; K Ford, R Taylor, E Hudd and J Hopkins 20.

Rink 3 - B Knight, D Jones, L Davies and G

Jones 15; C Ditchburn, I King, H Spencer and J Jones 22.

Rink 4 - T Bishop, G Davies, L Cundlife and Don Kunnell 14; M Mathews, G Davies, G Thomas and A Davies 18.

The overall result was a victory for Central by 19 shots.

Central's second game in their centenary year was at home game against Llantwit Major in a friendly game at Gladstone Gardens on Saturday and again the home side came out on top.

However, the opposing captain for the day in his after meal speech, emphasised that Central were not playing their full team who had been relegated to division three last season, but the victorious home team felt that they had secured a psychological advantage in their victory.

Before the match, acting captain Gareth Thomas asked the assembled teams to stand for a minute's silence in respect of the

passing away of Nancy Roach, who died earlier in the week. 'Nance' was a stalwart of the club and the wife of this year's centenary captain Dave.

The home team came out on top, thanks in particular to the efforts of John Jones' rink who had an excellent win by 16 shots, together with Jack Hopkins who won by nine shots.

Rink 1 - K Ford, R Taylor, E Hudd and J Hopkins 19; K Williams, P Taylor, J Crane and R Gray 10.

Rink 2 - M Mathews, G Davies, G Thomas and A Davies 10; D Lancaster, K Morgan, P Twomey and A Harvey 19.

Rink 3 - G Young, C

Gray, D Parsons and J Bergland 18; G Rawnak, M Mason, K Alexander and M Williams 15.

Rink 4 - C Ditchburn, I King J Bratcher and J Jones 24; A Macray, P Graves, J Roberts and E Hawker 8.

The overall score was a victory for the home team by 71-52 - a win by 19 shots.

The next challenge for the club is an away game against Maesteg Celtic in the Caruthers Shield competition, a challenge that the club is looking forward to with anticipation.

GARETH THOMAS

Fundraiser for Tom

THE 'Tom Offer Cancer Fund' is holding a fundraising evening on Friday, May 22.

Black tie, drinks reception at 7pm. The guest speaker is Garin Jenkins of Wales and the British Lions.

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For more information and to order tickets contact Martin Pilcher on 07969 455881.

Agony for Dinas Ladies as they fail to win league title

DINAS knew they could secure the title if they beat Cascade, and Caerphilly failed to achieve a high score against Roath.

Dinas certainly set about the game at 100mph, scoring through Ayshea Martyn and Nao after 10 minutes. Becky Rees increased the lead from a corner, before Cascade pulled one back just before half-time.

Knowing that Caerphilly were winning and that Roath had only managed to field 10 players, the Vale girls knew they had their work cut out at half-time.

Cascade certainly put plenty of effort in and Dinas had to scrap for everything in the second half. Ayshea Martyn managed to score her second early on for Dinas to make it 4-1.

The Dinas girls played with a great spirit and a togetherness as they set about winning such a vital game. The passing, movement and passion was clear to see from all concerned.

The score finished 4-1 to Dinas and the news fil-

tered through that Caerphilly had managed to win by 15 goals, which was a complete shock to everyone. Dinas had managed to beat Caerphilly 7-3 with 10 players early in the season.

Caerphilly won the title on goal difference, but for Dinas to come second with a limited squad was a real achievement.

The club would like to wish skipper Emma Bridgeman and Bryan a happy engagement for this Friday night's party!

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